

TOWN OF SHARON



ANNUAL REPORT 2001

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	<u>Emergencies</u>	<u>Regular Business</u>
AMBULANCE	784-2121	784-1522
POLICE DEPT.	784-3535	784-1587
FIRE DEPT.	784-2121	784-1522
CIVIL DEFENSE	784-5631	784-6993
HIGHWAY, WATER		
Weekdays	784-1525	
Nights, Weekends,		
Holidays	784-1587	

FOR INFORMATION ON:

Aging, Programs For	Community Center	784-8000
Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Building Permits	Building Inspector	784-1529
Conservation	Conservation Commission	784-1511
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	784-1505
Elections	Town Clerk	784-1505
Engineering	Engineer	784-1525
Game Warden	Mass. Fish & Game	617-727-3151
Refuse Collection	DPW	784-1525
Housing, Elderly	Hixson Farm Complex	784-2733
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Medicaid	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Mortgages, Chattel	Town Clerk	784-1505
Mosquito Control	Norfolk County Control	762-3681
Recreation	Community Center	784-1530
Schools	Superintendent's Office	784-1570
Self-Help	Brockton Office	508-588-5440
Snow Removal	DPW	784-1525
Streets	DPW	784-1525
Tax Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Taxes, Collection	Tax Collector	784-1500
Tobacco Control	NMS Tobacco Control	508-261-7316
Trees	DPW	784-1525
Voting & Registration	Town Clerk	784-1505
Water	DPW	784-1525
Welfare	State Welfare	1 800 249-2007
Wiring	Wiring Inspector	784-1525
Zoning	Building Inspector	784-1529

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To the Citizens
Of the
TOWN OF SHARON



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shielding the flame of his candle.

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IN MEMORIAN

Robert F. Currie
1931-2001

Board of Selectmen 1974-1976
Data Processing Study Committee 1970 - 1974
Board of Health Advisory Board 1980 - 1990
Trustee Edward Talbot Fund 1980 - 2000
Post Office Square Task Force 1995 - 2001

As President of Sharon Co-Operative Bank, he gave generously on its behalf to many Town activities and celebrations.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

February 13, 2001

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of December 14, 2000, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 13, 2001. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. Clerks and workers were: Mildred Worthley, Doris Grahn, Ruth Grandberg, Marilyn Lamb, Lillian Crosman, Frances Darrow, Iris Lovett, Virginia Karelitz, Susan Slater, Elise Popkin, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Teri Spevock, Bernie Brogan, Adrienne Newell, Leslie Kriger, Sylvia Namyet, Nancy Welch, Herbert Pozner, Hy Lamb, Dave Savage, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernie Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin, Beth Kourafas. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Michael Balestra. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 623; Precinct 2 - 776; Precinct 3 - 677; Precinct 4 - 563; Precinct 5 - 583. Total votes cast - 3222. Absentee ballots cast - 239.

QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to add such amounts to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, and/or under Chapter 80A as such eminent domain procedure shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen in the name of the Town the fee and/or a conservation restriction and/or the control of the ownership on the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property shown as Block 5 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 21 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel No. 2 in a deed from Roslyn Siegel, individually and as she is executrix of the Estate of David Siegel, to Roslyn Siegel, dated December 16, 1987 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7845, at Page 21; and the property shown as Block 2 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 70 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel 3 in the above-referenced deed;

The property known as Rattlesnake Hill, shown as Parcel 9-1 on Sharon Assessors Map 35, containing 311 acres, more or less, situated off Mountain Street, and more particularly described in a deed from Subon Co. to The Rattlesnake Corporation, dated August 17, 1994 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 10631 at Page 147;

or as the same may be more particularly described, for the purpose of effecting a public improvement, and provided further that if the Town proceeds with a proposed above-ground water storage tank, standpipe and water pressure system, at the following portion of Rattlesnake Hill, such property shall be excluded from such Conservation Commission acquisition:

The property owned by the Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Said plan is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk.

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	342	394	346	250	236	1568
NO	281	382	331	313	347	1654 3222

Total Registered Voters: 12,030

Percent Voting: 27%

Absentee: 239

Total Votes Cast: 3222

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 1, 2001

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of March 22, 2001, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 1, 2001. The warden for the election was Lynne M. Callanan. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marilyn Lamb, Shirley Schofield and Pat Zlotin. The meeting was called to order by Marlene B. Chused, Town Clerk, who read the call and return of the warrant. Clerks and workers were: Mildred Worthley, Doris Grahn, Ruth Grandberg, Nancy Welch, Lillian Crosman, Frances Darrow, Iris Lovett, Virginia Karelitz, Susan Slater, Elise Popkin, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Teri Spevock, Bernie Brogan, Adrienne Newell, Lorraine Forman, Sylvia Namyet, Herbert Pozner, Hy Lamb, Dave Savage, Jim Testa, Phil Chapman, Joseph Petrosky, Bernie Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin and Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the day, Allan W. Greenfield. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:15 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 673; Precinct 2 - 767; Precinct 3 - 720; Precinct 4 - 663; Precinct 5 - 627. Total votes cast - 3,450. The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 9:00 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)						
NORMAN KATZ	456	542	479	446	437	2,360
WRITE-IN	22	12	21	15	17	87
Blanks	195	213	220	202	173	1,003
ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)						
ELLEN WOLFSON ABELSON	468	529	458	440	429	2,324
WRITE-IN	8	3	4	1	7	23
Blanks	197	235	258	222	191	1,103
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)						
ANDREW NEBENZAHL	445	463	406	401	381	2,096
SUZANNE GERVAIS PEYTON	388	438	408	388	384	2,006
WRITE-IN	14	6	7	2	13	42
Blanks	497	623	618	533	485	2,756

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)						
REGINA L. MANISCALCO	435	496	427	420	402	2,180
WRITE-IN	8	2	2	1	6	19
Blanks	230	269	290	242	220	1,251
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEARS)						
ARNOLD M. KUBLIN	455	505	443	432	412	2,247
WRITE-IN	7	2	4	1	6	20
Blanks	211	260	273	230	209	1,183
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 YEARS)						
PAT OLKEN	481	522	463	442	439	2,347
NANCY E. RAE (WRITE-IN)	5	2	12	2	6	27
WRITE-IN	16	19	4	13	7	59
Blanks	842	987	960	869	809	4,467

QUESTION NO. 1 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to assess an additional \$1,039,961 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the purpose of defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including the Public Schools and Public Library, for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand One?"

YES	339	412	368	322	278	1,719
NO	319	338	342	330	339	1,668
Blanks	15	17	10	11	10	63

QUESTION NO. 2 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to engage engineers, architects, and/or consultants for the purpose of preparing design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs for the renovation, alteration, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structures and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings and for the costs of such construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, and/or remodeling, originally equipping, and/or furnishing for the use of the following site for town administration offices, school administration offices, and public library:

That certain parcel of land as shown on "Plan of Lands in Sharon, Massachusetts showing lands, August 10, 1920, E. Northington, Engineer and received by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, August 18, 1920 and filed as Plan No. 4655, Page 96."

Said premises contain 161,172 square feet +/-, and consist of the entire block bounded by the South Pleasant, Chestnut,

South Main and Station Streets, and are commonly known as the Wilber School property."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	298	285	298	303	241	1,425
NO	355	455	405	346	374	1,935
Blanks	20	27	17	14	12	90

QUESTION NO. 3 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the costs of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, demolition or remodeling of the existing structure and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings for the use of the Sacred Heart site, which is identified below, as a senior center:

Said property consists of 2.2 acres, more or less, and was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974, and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as authorized by vote of the Special Town Meeting of April 22, 1974, or as the same may be more particularly described."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	278	291	296	271	247	1,383
NO	377	450	410	382	367	1,986
Blanks	18	26	14	10	13	81

QUESTION NO. 4 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the costs of the construction of athletic fields on a parcel of land located on Mountain Street known as the Mountain Street Landfill, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1. The land marked "Frances R. Hudson Land - 24 acres, more or less - Assessors Plan 55R-14" on "Plan of Land in Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts," dated December 1, 1965, by Walter L. Reeve," subject, however, to a twelve (12) foot right-of-way leading northerly from the end of Whippoorwill Road, so-called, and excluding the land marked "George T. Jackson" and the land marked "Henry Thomas."

PARCEL 2. The land marked "Area of this Parcel 5.3 acres, more or less" on the plan above mentioned, subject, however, to a twenty (20) foot right-of-way shown as Whippoorwill

Road, and excluding the land marked "Carl L. Thomas" and the land marked "George T. Jackson."

The aforesaid being the land acquired by the Town by Order of Taking dated April 20, 1967, recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on May 5, 1967."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	154	203	172	158	113	800
NO	493	533	531	488	493	2,538
Blanks	26	31	17	17	21	112

QUESTION NO. 5 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the costs to supplement the sums raised under Article 9B of the May 10, 1999 Annual Town Meeting and Article 2 of the January 24, 2000 Special Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping, furnishing, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Cottage Street School."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	450	476	486	442	384	2,238
NO	209	276	227	210	232	1,154
Blanks	14	15	7	11	11	58

QUESTION NO. 6 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the cost to engage engineers, architects, construction management consultants and/or other consultants for the purpose of preparing design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs, for the following projects: (1) the renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the Middle School; (2) the renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the East Elementary School; (3) the renovation of a portion of the High School; (4) the renovation of a portion of the technology wiring infrastructure at the Heights Elementary School; and/or (5) the development, new construction, originally equipping, and furnishing for school use purposes the property owned by the Town and located at East Foxboro Street, being identified as that certain real estate described in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 3985, Page 190, and conveyed to the Town of Sharon by Order of Taking dated May 17, 1962. The purpose of this design study will be to establish a phased construction schedule for the entire school system to be implemented over several years."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	362	457	432	371	303	1,925
NO	299	292	276	282	309	1,458
Blanks	12	18	12	10	15	67

QUESTION NO. 7 "Shall the Town of Sharon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase the fee and/or a conservation restriction for the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property shown as Block 5 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 21 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel No. 2 in a deed from Roslyn Siegel, individually and as she is executrix of the Estate of David Siegel, to Roslyn Siegel, dated December 16, 1987 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7845, at Page 21; and the property shown as Block 2 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 70 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel 3 in the above-referenced deed, or as the same may be more particularly described."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	387	347	367	312	283	1,696
NO	271	397	338	329	333	1,668
Blanks	15	23	15	22	11	86

QUESTION NO. 8 "Shall the Town of Sharon accept Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

Section 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas; (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create affordable housing.

In Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low

income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use); (2) historic resources; and (3) affordable housing."

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	364	321	325	326	291	1,627
NO	280	407	376	318	317	1,698
Blanks	29	39	19	19	19	125

QUESTION NO. 9 "Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant licenses to restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than 50 persons for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale, and all other malt beverages)?"

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
YES	529	623	568	517	478	2,715
NO	126	125	140	140	143	674
Blanks	18	19	12	6	6	61

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 12,089
 PERCENT VOTING: 29%
 ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 61

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 7, 2001

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of March 22, 2001, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Moderator said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request. Prayer for divine guidance was offered by Rabbi Barry Starr.

The Moderator said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to allow the following non-voters to address the meeting: Josef Rizza, Tom Sexton and Roger Hoit. There was no objection.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That whenever at this Town Meeting a majority or two thirds vote is required by statute, by-law or rule of procedure, a count need not be taken, or recorded by the clerk, but may be publicly declared by the moderator. If a vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters the count shall be taken, and the vote shall be recorded by the clerk; provided, however, that if the vote is unanimous a count need not be taken and the clerk shall record the vote as unanimous.

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town elect to the Finance Committee the following named:

For a three-year term:

Colleen M. Tuck - 103 Glendale Road
Paul R. Bergeron - 266 Massapoag Avenue
William A. Heitin - 15 Spring Lane
Sandra Atlas-Gordon - 204 East Street

For a two-year term:

Charles M. Goodman - 72 Lincoln Road

For a one-year term:

David John Hearne - 76 Brook Road

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That the reports of the various officials, boards and committees be received for filing.

ARTICLE 4.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Sharon exactly as printed beginning on page 8 and ending on page 20 of the Annual Meeting Warrant.

A. By adopting as amendments to said By-Law, the following interim and/or emergency changes, additions or deletions made by the Personnel Board in its authority under Section 2.6 of the By-Law:

1) To change existing categories in the classification and pay schedules to new categories as follows, effective 7/1/99.

- Executive Category to Executive Category
- Administrative, Technical and Professional Category to Management Professional Category
- Industrial, Trade and Services Category to Labor Category
- Office Occupation Classification to Office Clerical Category

(These new classifications are listed under Appendix A and Appendix B of this printing.)

2) To create the position of Administrative Assistant to the Sharon Standing Building Committee under the Office Occupation Category, Group II with the following pay schedule, effective 2/21/00.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$11.54	\$12.32	\$13.20	\$14.10	\$15.42

3) To change the pay schedule for the position of Library Page effective July 1, 2000, as follows:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
\$6.75/hr	\$6.95/hr	\$7.16/hr	\$7.37/hr

4) To create the position of Technical Support Specialist to the Treasurer under the Management Professional Category, MP-3 with the following pay Schedule, effective 10/30/00.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$18.76	\$19.18	\$19.62	\$20.05	\$20.51
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$20.96	\$21.44	\$21.92	\$22.42	\$22.92

5) To adjust the position of the Maintenance/Custodian for the Recreation Department under the Labor Category, L-4 with the following pay schedules, effective 2/15/01:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
\$15.28	\$15.59	\$15.90	\$16.22	\$16.54
Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
\$16.87	\$17.21	\$17.55	\$17.91	\$18.26

- B. By striking out all classification schedules and pay schedules in Appendix A and Appendix B and substituting new classification schedules and new pay schedules Appendix A and Appendix B as of July 1, 2001, except as other dates are specified.

APPENDIX A

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTION ENTITLED 1.100-1.300 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTION 2.100-2.300 ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

EXECUTIVE CATEGORY JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002

SECTION 1.100 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.100 PAY SCHEDULE/ANNUALLY

CODE		
E-1	Police Chief	\$ 102,905
E-1	Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 85,646
E-1	Fire Chief	\$ 74,677
E-3	Treasurer/Collector D.P. Mgr.	\$ 79,073*
E-3	Town Engineer	\$ 70,000
E-3	Data Processing Systems Administrator	\$ 68,657
E-3	Library Director	\$ 65,511
E-3	Recreation Director	\$ 63,000
E-3	Town Accountant	\$ 60,756
E-4	Assistant Assessor	\$ 57,210
E-4	Council on Aging Exec. Dir.	\$ 50,525

* Includes Data Processing Manager additional compensation of \$9,713 per year.

SECTION 1.200 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.000 PAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY BOARD OF SELECTMEN (HRLY)

Effective 7/1/01

Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	21.06	21.54	22.02	22.51	23.02	23.54	24.07	24.61	25.17	25.73

Note: Position is hereby entitled to benefits provided to ATP/MP Association per provisions of contract, on file in Town Accountant Offices, as follows: Article III "Longevity," Article IV "Leave," Article V "Sick Leave," Article VI "Hours of Work" (with premium rates applicable after 37.5 hrs/wk) Article VII "Miscellaneous Benefits" (J) Special Eyeglasses.

SECY-BOARD OF SELECT/ELEC. SECY (HRLY)

Effective 7 /1/001										
Steps	Min	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Max
hrly	14.97	15.26	15.57	15.88	16.20	16.53	16.86	17.20	17.54	17.88

Note: Position is hereby entitled to contract benefit provisions, on file in Town Accountant Offices, per Agreement between Town and Local 925 as follows: Article 7, "Hours of Work" Article 8 " Sick Leave," Article 9 "Vacations,"

Article 10 "Holiday," Article 12 "Insurance," Article 13(g) "Longevity,"
Article 17 "Bereavement Leave," Article 23(3) "Technological Change."

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1.300
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001

SECTION 2.300
PAY SCHEDULE

TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
VETERANS' AGENT (YRLY)					10,820.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES (YRLY)					3090.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FILL-IN (DAILY/VACATION)					35.00/50.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR (YRLY)					3,000.00
CUST/MAINT (HOURLY)	6.03	6.21	6.39	6.58	
DPW TEMP/SUMMER LABOR (HRLY)	7.52	8.24	9.01		
LIBRARY PAGE (HRLY)	6.95	7.16	7.37	7.59	
ADM. SECRETARY - FINANCE COMM. (HRLY)	10.35	11.58	12.49	13.12	15.14
USER GROUP FACILITATOR(WKLY)					35.00

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME
EFFECTIVE May 1, 2001 (HRLY)

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 1****</u>
Waterfront Supervisor	11.54	13.00
Swimming Instructor	7.74	9.00
Lifeguard	6.96	8.00
Head Attendant/Maint. Supv.	6.96	9.00
Attendant/Maint.	6.18	8.00
Sailing Supervisor	11.14	13.00
Sailing Instructor	7.74	9.00
Tag & Sticker Clerk	12.78	12.78

****In the event of an affirmative General override vote in the election of
May 1, 2001, these rates will apply.

NOTE: Executive and certain Miscellaneous Category positions represent the
joint recommendations of the Personnel Board and the appropriate appointing
authority (i.e., Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees and Assessors).

APPENDIX B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTIONS
ENTITLED 1.400-1.800 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTIONS 2.400-2.800 ARE
COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY (FORMERLY ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY)

SECTION 1.400
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.400
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

MP-0	Building Inspector**	MP-3	Athletic Supervisor Asst. Operations Supervisor
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MP-1	Health Administrator*	Case Manager*
	Operations Supervisor	Children's Service
	Water Systems Supervisor	Librarian***
	Public Health Nurse*	Engineering Aide/GIS
Tech		Engineering Aide/Health Agent
		Technical Services
		Librarian***
MP-2	Animal Control Officer*	Technical Support Specialist
	Asst. Recreation Director*	
	Asst. Town Engineer	MP-4 Information Service
	Business Manager	Librarian*/**
	Conservation Agent	
	Forestry & Grounds Supervisor	
	Info Services/Asst. Library Dir	

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
MP-0										
MP-1	21.24	21.72	22.21	22.71	23.22	23.74	24.28	24.82	25.38	25.96
MP-2	19.85	20.30	20.75	21.22	21.70	22.19	22.69	23.20	23.72	24.26
MP-3	18.21	18.62	19.04	19.47	19.91	20.35	20.82	21.28	21.76	22.25
MP-4	16.56	16.93	17.31	17.70	18.10	18.51	18.92	19.34	19.79	20.23

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
MP-0	23.41	23.93	24.47	25.02	25.59	26.16	26.75	27.35	27.97	28.60
MP-1	21.88	22.37	22.87	23.39	23.91	24.45	25.01	25.57	26.14	26.73
MP-2	20.44	20.91	21.38	21.85	22.35	22.85	23.37	23.89	24.43	24.98
MP-3	18.76	19.18	19.62	20.05	20.51	20.96	21.44	21.92	22.42	22.92
MP-4	17.06	17.44	17.83	18.23	18.64	19.06	19.49	19.92	20.38	20.84

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
MP-0	24.11	24.65	25.20	25.77	26.36	26.94	27.55	28.17	28.81	29.46
MP-1	22.53	23.05	23.56	24.09	24.63	25.19	25.76	26.33	26.92	27.54
MP-2	21.06	21.54	22.02	22.51	23.02	23.54	24.07	24.61	25.17	25.73
MP-3	19.32	19.76	20.20	20.65	21.12	21.59	22.08	22.58	23.09	23.60
MP-4	17.57	17.96	18.37	18.77	19.20	19.64	20.07	20.52	20.99	21.46

*The following positions work other than a 40 hour work week:

Information Services/Asst. Library Director 37.5 hours
 Public Health Nurse 28 hours
 Animal Control Officer 20 hours
 Asst. Recreation Director 37.5 hours
 Case Manager 28 hours
 Health Administrator 35 hours

**The Building Inspector was at a grade MP-1 for FY'00.

***The benefits are covered by the Office/Clerical category contract.

LABOR CATEGORY
(FORMERLY INDUSTRIAL, TRADE AND SERVICES CATEGORY)

SECTION 1.500
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

L-1 Assistant Water Supervisor

L-2 Master Mechanic
Working Foreman Operations
Working Foreman Water
Working Foreman Forestry & Grnds
Senior Water Systems Technician

L-3 Aerial Lift (Truck Driver) Foreman
Heavy Equipment Operator
Night Custodian
Water System Technician

SECTION 2.500
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

L-4 Auto Equipment Operator Water
Auto Equipment Operator
Maintenance Man/Custodian DFW
Custodian Community Center

L-5

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
L-1	17.37	17.72	18.07	18.44	18.80	19.18	19.56	19.96	20.35	20.76
L-2	16.48	16.81	17.15	17.49	17.84	18.20	18.56	18.93	19.31	19.70
L-3	15.64	15.95	16.27	16.60	16.93	17.27	17.61	17.96	18.32	18.69
L-4	14.84	15.13	15.44	15.75	16.06	16.38	16.71	17.04	17.38	17.73
L-5	13.87	14.14	14.43	14.72	15.01	15.31	15.62	15.93	16.25	16.57

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
L-1	17.89	18.25	18.62	18.99	19.37	19.76	20.15	20.55	20.97	21.38
L-2	16.98	17.32	17.66	18.02	18.38	18.74	19.12	19.50	19.89	20.29
L-3	16.11	16.43	16.76	17.09	17.43	17.78	18.14	18.50	18.87	19.25
L-4	15.28	15.59	15.90	16.22	16.54	16.87	17.21	17.55	17.91	18.26
L-5	14.28	14.57	14.86	15.16	15.46	15.77	16.09	16.41	16.74	17.07

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
L-1	18.43	18.80	19.18	19.56	19.95	20.35	20.76	21.17	21.59	22.03
L-2	17.49	17.84	18.19	18.56	18.93	19.31	19.69	20.09	20.49	20.90
L-3	16.59	16.92	17.26	17.61	17.96	18.32	18.68	19.06	19.44	19.83
L-4	15.74	16.06	16.38	16.70	17.04	17.38	17.73	18.08	18.44	18.81
L-5	14.71	15.01	15.31	15.61	15.92	16.24	16.57	16.90	17.24	17.58

OFFICE CLERICAL CATEGORY
(FORMERLY OFFICE OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION)

SECTION 1.600
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

OC-1 Assistant Accountant
Assistant Collector
Assistant Treasurer

SECTION 2.600
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

OC-4b Bookkeeper
Police Clerk
Secretary to Operations Division
Secretary to Recreation Dept.

OC-2 Confidential Police Secretary	Secretary to Zoning Board Of Appeals
	OC-5 Admin. Asst. to Planning Board
OC-3a Administrative Asst.-Ex Dir COA	Bus/Van Driver
Administrative Asst.-Assessor	Secretary to Conservation Commission
Assistant Town Clerk	Secretary to Personnel Board
Circulation Supervisor	Transportation Coordinator
Information Services Librarian	Admin. Asst. to Sharon Standing
	Bldg. Committee
OC-3b Collections Supervisor	
Dispatcher*	
Treasury Supervisor (Payroll)	
OC-4a Administrative Asst. - Library	
Election & Registration Clerk	
Library Assistant	
Secretary to Building & Engineering	
Secretary to Fire Dept.	
Secretary to Water Dept.	
Secretary/Clerk Accounting	
Senior Assessor Clerk	
Technical Services Asst.	

*Additional compensation Supervisor/Dispatcher \$25.00 per week.

SECTION 1.600

SECTION 2.600

CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
OC-1	18.66	19.03	19.41	19.80	20.20	20.60	21.01	21.43	21.86	22.30
OC-2	16.81	17.15	17.49	17.84	18.20	18.56	18.93	19.31	19.69	20.08
OC-3a	15.71	16.02	16.34	16.67	17.00	17.34	17.69	18.04	18.40	18.77
OC-3b	14.89	15.19	15.49	15.80	16.12	16.44	16.77	17.11	17.45	17.80
OC-4a	14.11	14.39	14.68	14.97	15.27	15.58	15.89	16.21	16.53	16.86
OC-4b	13.38	13.65	13.92	14.20	14.48	14.77	15.06	15.36	15.67	15.98
OC-5	12.05	12.29	12.54	12.79	13.05	13.31	13.58	13.85	14.13	14.41

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 3% increase

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
OC-1	19.22	19.60	19.99	20.39	20.81	21.22	21.64	22.07	22.52	22.97
OC-2	17.31	17.66	18.01	18.38	18.75	19.12	19.50	19.89	20.28	20.68
OC-3a	16.18	16.50	16.83	17.17	17.51	17.86	18.22	18.58	18.95	19.33
OC-3b	15.34	15.65	15.95	16.27	16.60	16.93	17.27	17.62	17.97	18.33
OC-4a	14.53	14.82	15.12	15.42	15.73	16.05	16.37	16.70	17.03	17.37
OC-4b	13.78	14.06	14.34	14.63	14.91	15.21	15.51	15.82	16.14	16.46
OC-5	12.41	12.66	12.92	13.17	13.44	13.71	13.99	14.27	14.55	14.84

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 3% increase

FY
2002

Grade	Min	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Max
OC-1	19.80	20.19	20.59	21.00	21.43	21.86	22.29	22.73	23.20	23.66
OC-2	17.83	18.19	18.55	18.92	19.30	19.68	20.09	20.49	20.89	21.31
OC-3a	16.67	17.00	17.33	17.69	18.04	18.40	18.77	19.14	19.52	19.91
OC-3b	15.80	16.12	16.43	16.76	17.10	17.44	17.79	18.15	18.51	18.88
OC-4a	14.97	15.26	15.57	15.88	16.20	16.53	16.86	17.20	17.54	17.88
OC-4b	14.19	14.47	14.76	15.06	15.36	15.67	15.99	16.30	16.62	16.96
OC-5	12.78	13.04	13.30	13.57	13.84	14.12	14.41	14.70	14.99	15.29

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY

SECTION 1.700
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.700
PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

POLICE DEPARTMENT
JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Police Chief	PD-110					\$1,971.36*
Sergeant	PD-80					
Effective Date July 1, 2000 (3%)						907.33**
Patrolman	PD-60	PD-60A 1ST YR.	PD-60B 2ND YR.	PD-60C 3RD YR.	PD-60D 4TH YR.	
Effective Date July 1, 2000		Step 1 601.46	Step 2 641.90	Step 3 684.25	Step 4 757.05**	

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule for position code PD-60 and PD-80 do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the State.

Members of the Police Department while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation to be considered part of their base pay as follows:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$35.00 PER WEEK
POLICE PROSECUTOR	\$35.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$17.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$17.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
POLICE CLERK	\$10.00 PER WEEK***

*The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay and extra pay for educational qualifications, shall be limited to \$1971.36 per week, effective 7/1/01 (Non-Civil Service).

**This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

***The Police Clerk while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive a \$10.00 per week stipend not to be considered part of the base pay.

Any patrolman, appointed without being required to take the written examination, shall be paid the base pay rate called for by step 1 of the pay schedule for a period of six months following his appointment, and, upon the expiration of said six-month period, shall be paid the base pay rate provided for by step 2 unless he shall have previously been employed full time as a police officer, in which case he shall be paid the base pay rate under the step he would have been paid if his prior employment had been in the Sharon Police Department. Notwithstanding the step increase or increases provided herein, a patrolman's probationary period shall be the probationary period provided for in 5-5 of this By-Law or in the collective bargaining agreement, whichever is applicable.

POLICE CROSSING GUARDS*
7/1/01 to 6/30/02

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
School Crossing Guard PD20	28.37	30.92	34.01
School Crossing Guard Supervisor PD20A			42.56

*PD20 and PD20A-The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule shall be paid in the event that school is canceled due to snow.

SUPERIOR OFFICERS
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Lieutenant, Police Dept.					
July 1, 2001(3%)	1331.34	1371.27	1412.44	1454.79	1498.44
Jan. 1, 2002(1%)	1344.65	1384.98	1426.56	1469.34	1513.42

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 1.800	SECTION 2.800
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5*
FIRE CHIEF	100					\$1,430.59
DEP FIRE CHIEF	99					\$1,230.41

*The pay of the Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,430.59 per week for fiscal year 2001-2002. The pay of the Deputy Fire Chief, including all overtime pay, shall be limited to \$1,230.41 per week for fiscal year 2001-2002.

JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002 (3%)

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
CAPT.	FD-90				915.21
LT.	FD-80				905.43
FF.	FD-60	647.69	682.11	773.35	

Members of the Fire Department in the above classifications who become certified, are certified or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians shall receive an annual stipend. Employees not now certified will be given the opportunity to obtain such certification, one at a time. Employees taking the certification course a second or subsequent time will receive overtime payments and tuition reimbursement only upon passing the EMT examination and becoming certified.

Members of the Fire Department are eligible to receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following educational incentive program:

For Fire Science Course approved in advance by the Fire Chief and successfully passed and credits certified, members of the Fire Department in the above classifications shall receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

FOR 15 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	\$ 200 ANNUALLY
FOR 30 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	400 ANNUALLY
FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,000 ANNUALLY
FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,500 ANNUALLY

Payments for Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program shall be made on the second pay in the month of November. Educational Incentive, effective 7/1/98, shall be added to base wage.

CALL FIREFIGHTERS
HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999 10.00**

** This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

ARTICLE 5.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate for the various town offices and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for fiscal year, July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, the various sums stated as "FY'02 Recommendation" by the Finance Committee and shown in the "FY'02 Non-Override Article 5 Recapitulation" on pages 74-77 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Town Clerk
Reserve Fund	Ambulance
Assessors	School
Board of Appeals	Treasurer
Recreation	Lake Mgt. Committee
Commission on Disability	Debt: Principal
Debt: Interest	Insurance

MOTION TO AMEND: By substituting "FY'02 Non-Override Article 5 Recapitulation" to "FY'02 Override Article 5 Recapitulation" and by substituting pages 74-77 to pages 78-81. **VOTED**

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for the various town offices and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for fiscal year, July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, the various sums stated as "FY'02 Recommendation" by the Finance Committee and shown in the "FY'02 Override Article 5 Recapitulation" on pages 78-81 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Town Clerk
Reserve Fund	Ambulance
Assessors	School
Board of Appeals	Treasurer
Recreation	Lake Mgt. Committee
Commission on Disability	Debt: Principal
Debt: Interest	Insurance

VOTED:

Moderator	\$	50.
Finance Committee		4,678.
Accountant		172,533.
Law		92,746.
Personnel Board		3,496.
Data Processing		176,745.
Election & Registration		66,612.
Conservation Commission		71,974.
Planning Board		13,634.
Develop & Ind. Comm.		1.
Affirmative Action		0.
Town Report		10,000.
Sign Committee		50.
Police		2,268,063.
Fire		1,243,418.
Sealer of Wts & Measures		3,590.
Animal Inspector		3,000.
Civil Defense		9,817.
Animal Control		48,154.
SE Voc. Tech. assessment		16,645.
SE Voc. Tech. tuition		24,000.
Public Works		1,950,561.
Street Lights		259,100.
Board of Health		208,760.
Council on Aging		187,353.
Veteran's Agent		16,852.
Veterans' Graves		2,640.
Library		667,498.
Historical Commission		150.
Community Celebrations		1,885.
FICA: Medicare		300,000.
FICA: Social Security		65,000.
Water Division		1,434,103.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$221,100 for the Board of Selectmen's budget, of which \$500 shall be for

the salary of the Chairman and \$800 for the salaries of the other members, and \$219,800 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the Reserve Fund by transferring \$400,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$183,338 for the Board of Assessors' budget, of which \$2,400 shall be for the salary of the Chairman, \$4,400 shall be for the salaries for the other members, and \$176,538 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,556 for the Board of Appeals budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,098 for the Town Clerk's budget, of which \$47,000 shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, and \$57,098 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$359,271 for the Ambulance budget, of which \$180,000 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, with the balance of \$179,271 raised on tax levy.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,813,005 for the School budget of which \$1,702,072 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$22,110,933 raised on the tax levy.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,871 for the Recreation budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,822,325 for the Debt Principal budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,453,742 for the Debt Interest budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the Lake Management Committee budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,199,161 for the Insurance budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$311,238 for the Treasurer budget.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550 for the Commission on Disability budget.

MOTION. To reconsider all of the Articles under Article 5.
NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 6.

- VOTED: A. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Funds as follows:
Robert Uyttebroek and Bernard Rosenberg
- B. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edmund H. Talbot Fund as follows:
Robert F. Currie, Albert F. Blackler and Eleanor M. Herberger
- C. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows:
Morton Kaufman, Eleanor M. Herberger, Joseph Petrosky, Robert Uyttebroek and Corrine Hershman; and,
- D. To accept the report of the donors of the Sharon Friends School Fund.

ARTICLE 7.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,130,358 to be added to the special fund established to pay the Norfolk County Retirement Board for the Annual Assessment costs chargeable to the Town.

ARTICLE 8.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of services to perform an annual audit of accounts of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year 2001 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 9.

MOVED: That action under Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.
NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,767,000 to the Standing Building Committee for the costs of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, demolition or remodeling of the existing structure and the possible erection on the premises of a new building or buildings for the use of the Sacred Heart site, which is identified below, as a senior center:

Said property consists of 2.2 acres, more or less, and was acquired by the Town by deed of the Order of the Brothers of

the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc. dated December 26, 1974, and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as authorized by vote of the Special Town Meeting of April 22, 1974;

that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,767,000 under G.L.c. 44 s7, provided, however, that this borrowing shall not take place until the Town is awarded a Massachusetts CDBG grant of at least \$500,000 to be applied to the overall estimated \$3,267,000 senior center project costs and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept grants for said costs. Provided, however, that this appropriation shall take effect only if the debt incurred herein is exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 in accordance with a vote to be taken at a subsequent Town Election ballot. **NOT CARRIED.** Votes in the affirmative 370. Votes in the negative 276. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 10.

VOTED: That action under Article 10 be indefinitely postponed. (Sacred Heart property)

ARTICLE 11.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$725,000 to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, in the name of the Town, the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction on the following parcels of land or portions thereof:

The property shown as Block 5 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 21 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel No. 2 in a deed from Roslyn Siegel, individually and as she is executrix of the Estate of David Siegel, to Roslyn Siegel, dated December 16, 1987 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7845, at Page 21; and the property shown as Block 2 on Sharon Assessors Map 15, containing 70 acres, more or less, situated off Mansfield Street, and more particularly described as Parcel 3 in the above-referenced deed.

That to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$725,000 under G.L.c. 44 s7, and that the Town authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further, that the debt incurred herein shall be exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 in accordance with the vote taken under Question 7 of the May 1, 2001 Town Election ballot.

And further, that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to take all actions necessary, including, without limitation, entering into agreements, executing documents and granting interests or rights in the above-referenced land in order to permit the above-referenced land, or any portion thereof, to be substituted under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Statute 897 (1964), for other lands presently owned by the Town and presently subject to such Act. **DECLARED BY**
MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the close of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2001 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 11. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 12.

VOTED: That action under Article 12 be indefinitely postponed.
(Wilber School renovation)

MOTION: To reconsider Article 9. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 13.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$125,000 for the rehabilitation of the Wilber School building; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$125,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

VOTED: For immediate adjournment, to reconvene at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 P.M.

Attendance: 764

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 7, 2001

The Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2001 was adjourned at 10:55 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2001.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 8, 2001

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph S. Bernstein
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 8, 2001

Moderator George E. Donovan said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request.

ARTICLE 14.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9.9 million to the Standing Building Committee, to supplement the sums raised under Article 9B of the May 10, 1999 Annual Town Meeting and Article 2 of the January 24, 2000 Special Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping, furnishing, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Cottage Street School;

That to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$9.9 million under G.L. c.44 s7.

And further, that the debt incurred herein shall be exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 in accordance with the vote taken under Question 5 of the May 1, 2001 Town Election ballot.

MOTION TO AMEND: To substitute the sum of \$9.9 million to \$8,307,000. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,307,000 to the Standing Building Committee, to supplement the sums raised under Article 9B of the May 10, 1999 Annual Town Meeting and Article 2 of the January 24, 2000 Special Town Meeting, for construction, originally equipping, furnishing, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Cottage Street School;

That to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$8,307,000 under G.L. c.44 s7.

And further, that the debt incurred herein shall be exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 in accordance with the vote taken under Question 5 of the May 1, 2001 Town Election ballot.

ARTICLE 15.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 to the Standing Building Committee, to engage engineers, architects, construction management consultants and/or other consultants for the purpose of preparing design plans and specifications, to include contract documents and estimates of probable construction costs, for the following projects: (1) the renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the Middle School; (2) the renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the East Elementary School; (3) the renovation of a portion of the High School; (4) the renovation of a portion of the technology wiring infrastructure at the Heights Elementary School; and/or (5) the development, new construction, originally equipping, and furnishing for school use purposes the property owned by the Town and located at East Foxboro Street, being identified as that certain real estate described in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 3985, Page 190, and conveyed to the Town of Sharon by Order of Taking dated May 17, 1962. The purpose of this design study will be to establish a phased construction schedule for the entire school system to be implemented over several years.

That to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,500,000 under G.L. c.44 s7

And further, that the debt incurred herein shall be exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 in accordance with the vote taken under Question 6 of the May 1, 2001 Town Election ballot.

DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 15: NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 14. NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To take up Article 45. NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 16.

MOTION: That action under Article 16 be indefinitely postponed. (To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, in the name of the Town the fee in the following parcel of land:

The property now or formerly owned by the Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., which is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk. Said parcel contains 42,842 square feet (0.98) acres, more or less;

or as the same may be more particularly described, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the costs of engineering, design, legal, consulting and/or permitting for the design and/or construction and also for the costs of such construction, originally equipping and/or the furnishing of an above-ground water storage tank and a high pressure service district and other general municipal purposes related thereto;

and further to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and/or 8 of the General Laws, by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, the State Revolving Fund, Chapter 29C of the General laws, or otherwise, by payment out of the Water Surplus Fund through water receipts, water surplus, or betterments, as determined by the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners or the Board of Selectmen; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements

and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing; or to take any other action relative thereto.)
NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To call the question. **CARRIED BY 2/3 VOTE.**

MOTION TO AMEND: By adding to the pending motion the following: and further to establish a short term emergency plan to address the issue of fighting fires during the years while the tank is being constructed, including considering water usage policies and construction of an emergency pumping station. **MOTION TO AMEND RULED OUT OF ORDER.**

MOTION: To move question. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen as Water Commissioners or the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, in the name of the Town the fee in the following parcel of land:

The property now or formerly owned by the Rattlesnake Corporation, shown as Lot 26 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Mountain Street in Sharon, Mass." dated April 19, 1996, prepared by Youngquist, James & Associates, Inc., which is on file with the Sharon Town Clerk. Said parcel contains 42,842 square feet (0.98) acres, more or less;

or as the same may be more particularly described, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

And further, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200,000 for the costs of such acquisition, and/or of engineering, design, legal, consulting and/or permitting for the design and/or construction and also for the costs of such construction, originally equipping and/or the furnishing of an above-ground water storage tank and a high pressure service district and other general municipal purposes related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, \$1.2 million shall be transferred from the Water Surplus Fund and the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$3 million under G.L. Chapter 44 s7 and/or 8 or by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, the State Revolving Fund, Chapter 29C of the General Laws or combination thereof, or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

NOT CARRIED. Votes in the affirmative 158. Votes in the negative 149. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the close of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Wednesday evening, May 9, 2001 at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 17.

VOTED: That action under Article 17 be indefinitely postponed. (Mountain St. landfill)

MOTION: To reconsider Article 16. NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 18.

MOTION: To amend Finance Committee's recommendation from \$795,000 to \$695,000. NOT CARRIED.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$795,000 for the reconstructing or resurfacing of public ways and for original construction of sidewalks for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$795,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7. DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 17. NOT CARRIED.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 P.M.

Attendance: 504

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 8, 2001

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2001 was adjourned at 11:00 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2001.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 9, 2001

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph S. Bernstein
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 9, 2001

Moderator George E. Donovan said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request.

ARTICLE 19.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$240,000 for the construction of a Vehicle Wash Facility and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$240,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.
DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

ARTICLE 20.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate \$421,553 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, for reconstructing recreational and athletic facilities, and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$421,553 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

MOTION TO AMEND: By substituting \$421,553 to \$350,000. **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$421,553 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, for reconstructing recreational and athletic facilities, and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of

the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$421,553 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

ARTICLE 21.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$180,000 for the purchase of an ambulance for the Fire Department; and to meet this appropriation, \$90,000 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Fund and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$90,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 20. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 22.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$99,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and for making extraordinary repairs to the Community Center, for reconstructing recreational and athletic facilities, the construction of a septic system at the Deborah Sampson Athletic Fields and for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Recreation Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$99,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

ARTICLE 23.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$55,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Fire Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$55,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

ARTICLE 24.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$26,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Police Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$26,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

ARTICLE 25.

MOTION: That the Town raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Public Library; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$15,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

MOTION TO AMEND: By substituting \$25,000 in place of \$15,000.
VOTED.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Public Library; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$25,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s7.

DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

ARTICLE 26.

MOTION: That the Town amend the Zoning By-laws by adding the following new Sections 4360 to 4371, inclusive, entitled Conservation Subdivision Design, exactly as printed on the handout entitled "Article 26, Prepared by the Planning Board, Conservation Subdivision Design", copies of which have been provided to the voters at this Annual Town Meeting.

Prepared by the Planning Board, Conservation Subdivision Design

SECTION: 4360 - CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION DESIGN (CSD)

4361. PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. The Primary Purposes for CSD are the following:
 - a. To allow for greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments;
 - b. To encourage the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural land, forestry land, wildlife habitat, other natural resources including aquifers, waterbodies and wetlands, and historical and archeological resources in a manner that is consistent with the Town's comprehensive and open space plan;
 - c. To encourage a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features better than a conventional or grid subdivision;
 - d. To minimize the total amount of disturbance on the site;
 - e. To further the goals and policies of the comprehensive and open space plans;
 - f. To facilitate the construction and maintenance of housing, streets, utilities, and public service in a more economical and efficient manner.

2. The Secondary Purposes for CSD are the following:

- a. To preserve and protect agriculturally significant land;
- b. To protect the value of real property;
- c. To protect community water supplies and private drinking water wells;
- d. To provide for a diversified housing stock;
- e. To provide affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income;
- f. income;
- g. To preserve and enhance the community character.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein all other by-laws and regulations of the Town shall apply to the CSD.

4362. ELIGIBILITY

1. Minimum Size of Tract. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract shall contain a minimum of ten (10) acres.

2. Zoning Classification. Only those tracts located in the Rural 1, Rural 2, Suburban 1, Suburban 2 and Single Residence A, shall be eligible for consideration as a CSD.

3. Contiguous Parcels. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract shall consist of a parcel or set of contiguous parcels.

4. Land Division. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract may be a subdivision or a division of land pursuant to G.L. c. 41, s. 81P, provided, however, that CSD may also be permitted where intended as a condominium on land not so divided or subdivided.

4363. DEFINITIONS - Terms used in this Section that are defined in Article V (Definitions) of the By-Law shall have the meaning set forth in Article V. For the purpose of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

Conservation Subdivision Design (CSD) - A tract of land, designed and developed with mixed uses, with open space used for recreational purposes as an integral characteristic of the development, in a way that departs from the underlying zoning regulations concerning use of land or buildings, lot size, density, bulk or type of structure, lot coverage, or other requirements conventionally required in the district.

Usable Open Space - A parcel of land within the tract of land designated for a CSD, maintained and preserved for open space uses, and designed and intended for the use and enjoyment of residents and the general public. Usable open space shall include conservation use, historic preservation use, educational use, recreation use, park purposes, agriculture use, horticulture use, forestry use or for a combination of these uses including complementary structures, streets or parking areas and other improvements that are necessary and appropriate for the benefit and enjoyment of the usable open space. In calculating the

amount of usable open space to satisfy the requirements of this by-law, complementary structures, streets or parking areas and other improvements that are necessary and appropriate for the benefit and enjoyment of the usable open space shall not be included. In addition, usable open space shall not include designated yard areas accessory to dwelling units within the CSD.

Recreation Use - Land devoted to recreational enjoyment including swimming facilities, hiking trails, tennis courts, and incidental facilities.

Age Qualified Residences - Dwelling units intended and operated for occupancy by persons 55 years of age or older, and at least ninety five (95%) percent of the occupied units are occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older and with no more than one person who is younger than 55 years of age.

Below Market Value Residence - The determination of below market value made according to Executive Order 418 or any superceding order or legislation.

4364. SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED

The Planning Board may authorize a CSD pursuant to the grant of a special permit. Such special permits shall be acted upon in accordance with the following provisions:

PRE-APPLICATION

1. **Conference.** The applicant is very strongly encouraged to request a pre-application review at a regular business meeting of the Planning Board. If one is requested, the Planning Board shall invite the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and the Board of Appeals. The purpose of a pre-application review is to minimize the applicant's costs of engineering and other technical experts, and to commence negotiations with the Planning Board at the earliest possible stage in the development. At the pre-application review, the applicant may outline the proposed CSD, seek preliminary feedback from the Planning Board and/or its technical experts, and set a timetable for submittal of a formal application. At the request of the applicant, and at the expense of the applicant, the Planning Board may engage technical experts to review the informal plans of the applicant and to facilitate submittal of a formal application for a CSD special permit.

2. **Submittals.** In order to facilitate review of the CSD at the pre-application stage, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the following information:

a. **Site Context Map.** This map illustrates the parcel in connection to its surrounding neighborhood. Based upon existing data sources and field inspections, it should show various kinds

of major natural resource areas or features that cross parcel lines or that are located on adjoining lands. This map enables the Planning Board to understand the site in relation to what is occurring on adjacent properties.

b. Existing Conditions/Site Analysis Map. This map familiarizes officials with existing conditions on the property. Based upon existing data sources and field inspections, this base map locates and describes noteworthy resources that should be left protected through sensitive subdivision layouts. These resources include wetlands, floodplains and steep slopes, but may also include mature undegraded woodlands, hedgerows, farmland, unique or special wildlife habitats, historic or cultural features (such as old structures or stone walls), unusual geologic formations and scenic views into and out from the property. By overlaying this plan onto a development plan the parties involved can clearly see where conservation priorities and desired development overlap/conflict.

c. Other Information. In addition, applicants are invited to submit the information set forth in Section 4366 in a form acceptable to the Planning Board.

3. Site Visit. Applicants are encouraged to request a site visit by the Planning Board and/or its agents in order to facilitate pre-application review of the CSD. If one is requested, the Planning Board shall invite the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and Building Inspector.

4. Design Criteria. The design process and criteria set forth below in Section 4365 should be discussed by the parties at the pre-application conference and site visit.

4365. DESIGN PROCESS

At the time of the application for a special permit for CSD, in conformance with Section 4366, applicants are required to demonstrate to the Planning Board that the following Design Process was performed by a licensed landscape architect or a licensed professional acceptable to the Planning Board in accordance with the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board of the Town of Sharon.

1. Step One: Identifying Conservation Areas. Identify preservation land by two steps. First, Primary Conservation Areas (such as wetlands, and floodplains regulated by state or federal law) and Secondary Conservation Areas (including unprotected elements of the natural landscape such as steep slopes, mature woodlands, prime farmland, meadows, wildlife habitats and cultural features such as historic and archeological sites and scenic views) shall be identified and delineated. Second, the Potentially Developable Area will be identified and delineated. To the maximum extent feasible, the Potentially

Developable Area shall consist of land outside identified Primary and Secondary Conservation Areas.

2. Step Two: Locating House Sites. Locate the approximate sites of individual houses within the Potentially Developable Area and include the delineation of private yards and shared amenities, so as to reflect an integrated community, with emphasis on consistency with the Town's historical development patterns. The number of homes enjoying the amenities of the development should be maximized.

3. Step Three: Aligning the Streets and Trails. Align streets in order to access the house lots. Additionally, new trails should be laid out to create internal and external connections to existing and/or potential future streets, sidewalks and trails.

4. Step Four: Lot Lines. Draw in the lot lines when applicable.

4366. PROCEDURES

1. Application. An application for a special permit for a CSD shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board in accordance with the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board. Applicants for CSD shall also file with the Planning Board twelve (12) copies of the following:

Concept Plan

The Concept Plan shall include a Sketch Plan and a Yield Plan. The applicant shall submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions/Site Analysis Map prepared according to Section 4364. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps.

A. Sketch Plan.

The Sketch Plan shall address the general features of the land, and give approximate configurations of the lots, open space, and roadways.

(1) Quality Standards.

Engineering specifications as to scale, number of copies, sheet size, and other requirements shall conform to those specified by the Planning Board Rules and Regulations for Subdivisions.

(2) Required Content.

The Sketch Plan shall include the following:

(a) The subdivision name, boundaries, north point, date, legend, title "Concept Plan," and scale;

(b) The names of the record owner and the applicant and licensed professional who prepared the plans;

(c) The names, approximate location, and widths of adjacent streets;

(d) The proposed topography of the land shown at a contour interval no greater than + or - 2 feet. Elevations shall be referred to mean sea level or as specified in the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board;

(e) The location of existing landscape features including forests, farm fields, meadows, wetlands, waterbodies, archeological and historic structures or points of interest, rock outcrops, boulder fields, stone walls, cliffs, high points, major long views, forest glades, major tree groupings, noteworthy tree specimens, and habitats of endangered or threatened wildlife, as identified as primary and secondary resources according to Section 4364(2)b. Proposals for all site features to be preserved, demolished, or moved shall be noted on the Sketch Plan;

(f) All on-site local, state, and federal regulatory resource boundaries and buffer zones shall be clearly identified and all wetland flag locations shall be numbered and placed upon the Sketch Plan;

(g) Lines showing proposed private residential lots with approximate areas and frontage dimensions;

(h) All existing and proposed features and amenities including trails, recreation areas, pedestrian and bicycle paths, community buildings, off-street parking areas, shall be shown on the plan and described in a brief narrative explanation where appropriate;

(i) The existing and proposed lines of streets, ways, common driveways, easements and any parcel of land intended to be dedicated for public use or to be reserved by deed covenant for use of all property owners in the subdivision, or parcels of land or lots to be used for any purpose other than private residential shall be so designated within the subdivision in a general manner;

(j) Proposed roadway grades;

(k) Official soil percolation tests for the purpose of siting wastewater treatment options are not required for the Concept Plan. However, a narrative explanation shall be prepared by a

certified Professional Engineer detailing the proposed wastewater systems that will be utilized by the development and its likely impacts on-site and to any abutting parcels of land. For example, the narrative will specify whether individual on-site or off-site systems, shared systems, alternative to Title V systems, or any combination of these or other methods will be utilized;

(l) A narrative explanation prepared by a certified Professional Engineer proposing systems for stormwater drainage and its likely impacts on-site and to any abutting parcels of land. For example, the narrative will specify whether soft or hard engineering methods will be used and the number of any detention/retention basins or infiltrating catch basins. It is not intended to include specific pipe sizes. Any information needed to justify this proposal should be included in the narrative. The approximate location of any stormwater management detention/retention basins shall be shown on the plan and accompanied by a conceptual landscaping plan;

(m) A narrative explanation prepared by a certified Professional Engineer, detailing the proposed drinking water supply system;

(n) A narrative explanation of the proposed quality, quantity, use and ownership of the open space. Open space parcels shall be clearly shown on the plan;

(o) All proposed landscaped and buffer areas shall be noted on the plan and generally explained in a narrative;

(p) A list of all legal documents necessary for implementation of the proposed development, including any Conservation Restrictions, land transfers, and Master Deeds, with an accompanying narrative explaining their general purpose;

(q) A narrative indicating all requested waivers, reductions, and/or modifications as permitted within the requirements of this bylaw.

B. Yield Plan.

Applicant shall submit a narrative explanation detailing the results of the determination of any proposed allocation of yield determined according to Section 4367, Basic Maximum Number of Lots, Units and Bedrooms.

C. Relationship between Concept Plan and Definitive Subdivision Plan.

The Concept Plan special permit shall be reconsidered if there is substantial variation between the Definitive Subdivision Plan and the Concept Plan. If the Planning Board finds that a substantial variation exists, it shall hold a public hearing on

the modifications to the Concept Plan. A substantial variation shall be any of the following:

- (a) an increase in the number of building lots;
- (b) a significant decrease in the open space acreage;
- (c) a significant change in the lot layout;
- (d) a significant change in the general development pattern which adversely affects natural landscape features and open space preservation;
- (e) significant changes to the stormwater management facilities; and/or
- (f) significant changes in the wastewater management systems.

3. Procedures.

Whenever an application for a CSD special permit is filed with the Planning Board, the applicant shall also file, within five (5) working days of the filing of the completed application, copies of the application, accompanying development plan, and other documentation, to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, Department of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Town Engineer for their consideration, review, and report. The applicant shall furnish the copies necessary to fulfill this requirement. Reports from other boards and officials shall be submitted to the Planning Board within thirty-five (35) days of receipt of the reviewing party of all of the required materials; failure of these reviewing parties to make recommendations after having received copies of all such required materials shall be deemed a lack of opposition thereto. In the event that the public hearing by the Planning Board is held prior to the expiration of the thirty-five (35) day period, the Planning Board shall continue the public hearing to permit the formal submission of reports and recommendations within that thirty-five (35) day period. The Decision/Findings of the Planning Board shall contain, in writing, an explanation for any departures from the recommendations of any reviewing party.

4. Other Information.

The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this Zoning By-law. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning Board shall coordinate the public hearing required for any application for a special permit for a CSD with the public hearing required for approval of a definitive subdivision plan.

4367. BASIC MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LOTS, UNITS, AND BEDROOMS

The Basic Maximum Number shall be derived from a Yield Plan. The Yield Plan shall show the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) that could be placed upon the site under a conventional subdivision. The Yield Plan shall contain the information

required for a Sketch Plan as set forth above in Section 4366. The proponent shall have the burden of proof with regard to the Basic Maximum Number of lots (or dwelling units) resulting from the design and engineering specifications shown on the Yield Plan. The allowable number of dwelling units within a CSD shall be as follows:

1. In the case of single family residences, the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) allowed in the CSD shall be the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) that could be placed upon the site under a conventional subdivision;
2. In the case of multiple-family residences (with no more than two (2) bedrooms per dwelling unit), the allowable number of dwelling units shall not exceed one and a quarter ($1 \frac{1}{4}$) times the allowable number of conventional lots;
3. In the case of age qualified residences (with no more than two (2) bedrooms per dwelling unit), the allowable number of dwelling units shall not exceed one and three quarter ($1 \frac{3}{4}$) times the allowable number of conventional lots;
4. For every two (2) units of each type of residence classified as below market residences, with the determination of below market value made according to Executive Order 418 or any superceding order or legislation, one (1) additional unit of the same type may be added as a density bonus. This density bonus shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the basic maximum number;
5. An additional ten (10%) percent dwelling unit bonus shall be granted if the open space remains accessible to the public in perpetuity through either a full fee dedication to the Town or a conservation restriction with permanent access to the general public.

For all CSD density calculations which result in a fractional number, only fractions equal to or greater than .51 should be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

4368. REDUCTION OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Planning Board encourages applicants to modify lot size, shape, and other dimensional requirements for lots within a CSD, subject to the following limitations:

1. Lots having reduced area or frontage shall not have frontage on a street other than a street created by the CSD; provided, however, that the Planning Board may waive this requirement where it is determined that such reduced lot(s) will further the goals of this bylaw.

2. At least fifty (50%) percent of the required setbacks for the district shall be maintained in the CSD unless a reduction is otherwise authorized by the Planning Board.

4369. OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

The amount of useable open space, percentage of useable open space allowed for recreational use and the minimum amount of natural vegetation in a CSD shall be determined by the size of the un-subdivided land area.

For CSD's from ten (10) to twenty-five (25) acres:

A minimum of forty (40%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

For CSD's from twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) acres:

A minimum of forty-five (45%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

For CSD's over fifty-one (51) acres:

A minimum of fifty (50%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

a. The percentage of the minimum required open space that is wetlands shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in such open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes of this bylaw.

b. The open space shall be contiguous. Contiguous shall be defined as being connected. Open Space will still be considered connected if it is separated by a roadway or an accessory amenity. The Planning Board may waive this requirement for all or part of the required open space where it is determined that allowing noncontiguous open space will promote the goals of this bylaw and/or protect identified primary and secondary conservation areas.

c. The open space shall be used for wildlife habitat and conservation and the following additional purposes: historic preservation, education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such

purposes. Useable open space may include paved or unpaved pedestrian walks and bike paths.

d. Wastewater and stormwater management systems serving the CSD may be located within the open space. Surface systems, such as retention and detention ponds, shall not qualify towards the minimum open space required.

2. Ownership of the Open Space. The open space shall, at the Planning Board's election, be conveyed to:

a. The Town or its Conservation Commission;

b. A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above;

c. A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the CSD. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of such open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town to perform maintenance of such open space and facilities; if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, it shall grant the Town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide fourteen (14) days written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance, and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it, in which case the Trust or corporation shall be obligated to reimburse the Town. Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval, and shall thereafter be recorded.

4370. DESIGN STANDARDS

The following Generic and Site Specific Design Standards shall apply to all CSD's and shall govern the development and design process:

1. Generic Design Standards

a. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soil removal. Any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the neighboring developed areas. The orientation of individual building sites shall be such as to maintain maximum natural topography and cover. Topography, tree cover, and natural drainage ways shall be treated as fixed determinants of road and

lot configuration rather than as malleable elements that can be changed to follow a preferred development scheme.

b. Streets shall be designed and located in such a manner as to maintain and preserve natural topography, significant landmarks, and trees; to minimize cut and fill; and to preserve and enhance views and vistas on or off the subject parcel.

c. Mixed-use development shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and the use, scale, and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity that have functional or visual relationship to the proposed buildings. Proposed buildings shall be related to their surroundings.

d. All open space (landscaped and usable) shall be designed to add to the visual amenities of the area by maximizing its visibility for persons passing the site or overlooking it from nearby properties.

e. The removal or disruption of historic, traditional or significant uses, structures, or architectural elements shall be minimized insofar as practicable, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.

2. Site Specific Design Standards

a. Mix of Housing Types. The CSD may consist of any combination of single family, two family and multifamily residential structures. A multifamily structure shall not contain more than six (6) dwelling units. Residential structures shall be oriented toward the street serving the premises and not the required parking area.

b. Parking. Each dwelling unit shall be served by off-street parking spaces as specified in Section 3143. Parking spaces in front of garages may count in this computation. All parking areas with greater than eight (8) spaces shall be screened from view.

c. Buffer Areas. A buffer area of twenty (20') feet shall be provided at the following locations: (i) perimeter of the property where it abuts residentially zoned and occupied properties; and (ii) existing public ways. Driveways necessary for access and egress to and from the tract may cross such buffer areas. No vegetation in this buffer area will be disturbed, destroyed or removed, except for normal maintenance of structures and landscapes approved as part of the project. The Planning Board may waive the buffer requirement in these locations when it determines that a smaller buffer (or no buffer) will suffice to accomplish the objectives set forth herein.

d. Drainage. The Planning Board shall encourage the use of "soft" (non-structural) stormwater management techniques (such as

swales) and other drainage techniques that reduce impervious surfaces and enable infiltration where appropriate.

e. Common/Shared Driveways. A common or shared driveway may serve a maximum number of two (2) single family units.

f. Screening and Landscaping. All structural surface stormwater management facilities shall be accompanied by a conceptual landscape plan.

g. On-site Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation. Walkways and/or bicycle paths shall be provided to link residences with parking areas, open space and adjacent land uses where appropriate.

h. Natural Vegetation. At least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total area of the total tract shall be a natural vegetation area.

4371. DECISION OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing, for which notice has been given as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11 within sixty-five (65) days from the date of filing of such application. The decision of the Planning Board shall be made within ninety (90) days following the date of such public hearing. The required time limits for a public hearing and said action, may be extended by written agreement between the petitioner and the special permit granting authority

The Planning Board may grant a special permit for a CSD if it determines that the proposed CSD has less detrimental impact on the tract than a conventional development proposed for the tract, after considering the following factors:

1. Whether the CSD meets the criteria for flexible development 4351(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) subsections 1-5) as well as achieves greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments than a conventional plan;

2. Whether the CSD promotes permanent preservation of open space, agricultural land, forestry land, other natural resources including waterbodies and wetlands, and historical and archeological resources;

3. Whether the CSD promotes a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features better than a conventional subdivision;

4. Whether the CSD reduces the total amount of disturbance on the site;

5. Whether the CSD furthers the goals and policies of the open space and comprehensive plan;

6. Whether the CSD facilitates the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities, and public service in a more economical and efficient manner.

7. Whether the Concept Plan and its supporting narrative documentation complies with all sections of this zoning by-law.

MOTION: To amend Article 26 as follows:

a) Add a new definition to section 4363 that reads, "Open Space-Land in its natural state."

b) Amend the beginning of the first sentence of the definition of "Useable Open Space" in section 4363 to delete the words in the first two lines from "A parcel of land" to "use and enjoyment" and substitute therefore, "Open space, within the tract of land designated for a CSD, as well as open space therein taken from its natural state and designed and intended for the use and enjoyment..."

c) Replace every instance of "natural vegetation" and/or "a natural vegetation area" in Article 26 with "open space".

d) Amend the beginning of section 4370(1) (d) to delete "All open space (landscaped and usable)" and replace with "All useable open space". **NOT CARRIED.**

MOVED: To call the question. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-laws by adding the following new Sections 4360 to 4371, inclusive, entitled Conservation Subdivision Design, exactly as printed on the handout entitled "Article 26, Prepared by the Planning Board,, Conservation Subdivision Design", copies of which have been provided to the voters at this Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 26 - Prepared by the Planning Board, Conservation Subdivision Design

SECTION: 4360 - CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION DESIGN (CSD)

4361. PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. The Primary Purposes for CSD are the following:

- a. To allow for greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments;
- b. To encourage the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural land, forestry land, wildlife habitat, other natural resources including aquifers, waterbodies and wetlands, and historical and archeological resources in a manner that is consistent with the Town's comprehensive and open space plan;
- c. To encourage a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing

topography and natural features better than a conventional or grid subdivision;
d. To minimize the total amount of disturbance on the site;
e. To further the goals and policies of the comprehensive and open space plans;
f. To facilitate the construction and maintenance of housing, streets, utilities, and public service in a more economical and efficient manner.

2. The Secondary Purposes for CSD are the following:

a. To preserve and protect agriculturally significant land;
b. To protect the value of real property;
c. To protect community water supplies and private drinking water wells;
d. To provide for a diversified housing stock;
e. To provide affordable housing to persons of low and moderate income;
f. income;
g. To preserve and enhance the community character.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein all other by-laws and regulations of the Town shall apply to the CSD.

4362. ELIGIBILITY

1. Minimum Size of Tract. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract shall contain a minimum of ten (10) acres.

2. Zoning Classification. Only those tracts located in the Rural 1, Rural 2, Suburban 1, Suburban 2 and Single Residence A, shall be eligible for consideration as a CSD.

3. Contiguous Parcels. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract shall consist of a parcel or set of contiguous parcels.

4. Land Division. To be eligible for consideration as a CSD, the tract may be a subdivision or a division of land pursuant to G.L. c. 41, s. 81P, provided, however, that CSD may also be permitted where intended as a condominium on land not so divided or subdivided.

4363. DEFINITIONS - Terms used in this Section that are defined in Article V (Definitions) of the By-Law shall have the meaning set forth in Article V. For the purpose of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

Conservation Subdivision Design (CSD) - A tract of land, designed and developed with mixed uses, with open space used for recreational purposes as an integral characteristic of the development, in a way that departs from the underlying zoning regulations concerning use of land or buildings, lot size, density, bulk or type of structure, lot coverage, or other requirements conventionally required in the district.

Usable Open Space - A parcel of land within the tract of land designated for a CSD, maintained and preserved for open space uses, and designed and intended for the use and enjoyment of residents and the general public. Usable open space shall include conservation use, historic preservation use, educational use, recreation use, park purposes, agriculture use, horticulture use, forestry use or for a combination of these uses including complementary structures, streets or parking areas and other improvements that are necessary and appropriate for the benefit and enjoyment of the usable open space. In calculating the amount of usable open space to satisfy the requirements of this by-law, complementary structures, streets or parking areas and other improvements that are necessary and appropriate for the benefit and enjoyment of the usable open space shall not be included. In addition, usable open space shall not include designated yard areas accessory to dwelling units within the CSD.

Recreation Use - Land devoted to recreational enjoyment including swimming facilities, hiking trails, tennis courts, and incidental facilities.

Age Qualified Residences - Dwelling units intended and operated for occupancy by persons 55 years of age or older, and at least ninety five (95%) percent of the occupied units are occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older and with no more than one person who is younger than 55 years of age.

Below Market Value Residence - The determination of below market value made according to Executive Order 418 or any superceding order or legislation.

4364. SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED

The Planning Board may authorize a CSD pursuant to the grant of a special permit. Such special permits shall be acted upon in accordance with the following provisions:

PRE-APPLICATION

1. Conference. The applicant is very strongly encouraged to request a pre-application review at a regular business meeting of the Planning Board. If one is requested, the Planning Board shall invite the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and the Board of Appeals. The purpose of a pre-application review is to minimize the applicant's costs of engineering and other technical experts, and to commence negotiations with the Planning Board at the earliest possible stage in the development. At the pre-application review, the applicant may outline the proposed CSD, seek preliminary feedback from the Planning Board and/or its technical experts, and set a timetable for submittal of a formal application. At the request of the applicant, and at the expense of the applicant, the Planning Board may engage technical experts

to review the informal plans of the applicant and to facilitate submittal of a formal application for a CSD special permit.

2. Submittals. In order to facilitate review of the CSD at the pre-application stage, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the following information:

a. Site Context Map. This map illustrates the parcel in connection to its surrounding neighborhood. Based upon existing data sources and field inspections, it should show various kinds of major natural resource areas or features that cross parcel lines or that are located on adjoining lands. This map enables the Planning Board to understand the site in relation to what is occurring on adjacent properties.

b. Existing Conditions/Site Analysis Map. This map familiarizes officials with existing conditions on the property. Based upon existing data sources and field inspections, this base map locates and describes noteworthy resources that should be left protected through sensitive subdivision layouts. These resources include wetlands, floodplains and steep slopes, but may also include mature undegraded woodlands, hedgerows, farmland, unique or special wildlife habitats, historic or cultural features (such as old structures or stone walls), unusual geologic formations and scenic views into and out from the property. By overlaying this plan onto a development plan the parties involved can clearly see where conservation priorities and desired development overlap/conflict.

c. Other Information. In addition, applicants are invited to submit the information set forth in Section 4366 in a form acceptable to the Planning Board.

3. Site Visit. Applicants are encouraged to request a site visit by the Planning Board and/or its agents in order to facilitate pre-application review of the CSD. If one is requested, the Planning Board shall invite the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and Building Inspector.

4. Design Criteria. The design process and criteria set forth below in Section 4365 should be discussed by the parties at the pre-application conference and site visit.

4365. DESIGN PROCESS

At the time of the application for a special permit for CSD, in conformance with Section 4366, applicants are required to demonstrate to the Planning Board that the following Design Process was performed by a licensed landscape architect or a licensed professional acceptable to the Planning Board in accordance with the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board of the Town of Sharon.

1. Step One: Identifying Conservation Areas. Identify preservation land by two steps. First, Primary Conservation Areas (such as wetlands, and floodplains regulated by state or federal law) and Secondary Conservation Areas (including unprotected elements of the natural landscape such as steep slopes, mature woodlands, prime farmland, meadows, wildlife habitats and cultural features such as historic and archeological sites and scenic views) shall be identified and delineated. Second, the Potentially Developable Area will be identified and delineated. To the maximum extent feasible, the Potentially Developable Area shall consist of land outside identified Primary and Secondary Conservation Areas.

2. Step Two: Locating House Sites. Locate the approximate sites of individual houses within the Potentially Developable Area and include the delineation of private yards and shared amenities, so as to reflect an integrated community, with emphasis on consistency with the Town's historical development patterns. The number of homes enjoying the amenities of the development should be maximized.

3. Step Three: Aligning the Streets and Trails. Align streets in order to access the house lots. Additionally, new trails should be laid out to create internal and external connections to existing and/or potential future streets, sidewalks and trails.

4. Step Four: Lot Lines. Draw in the lot lines when applicable.

4366. PROCEDURES

1. Application. An application for a special permit for a CSD shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board in accordance with the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board. Applicants for CSD shall also file with the Planning Board twelve (12) copies of the following:

Concept Plan

The Concept Plan shall include a Sketch Plan and a Yield Plan. The applicant shall submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions/Site Analysis Map prepared according to Section 4364. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps.

A. Sketch Plan.

The Sketch Plan shall address the general features of the land, and give approximate configurations of the lots, open space, and roadways.

(1) Quality Standards.

Engineering specifications as to scale, number of copies, sheet size, and other requirements shall conform to those specified by the Planning Board Rules and Regulations for Subdivisions.

(2) Required Content.

The Sketch Plan shall include the following:

(a) The subdivision name, boundaries, north point, date, legend, title "Concept Plan," and scale;

(b) The names of the record owner and the applicant and licensed professional who prepared the plans;

(c) The names, approximate location, and widths of adjacent streets;

(d) The proposed topography of the land shown at a contour interval no greater than + or - 2 feet. Elevations shall be referred to mean sea level or as specified in the Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board;

(e) The location of existing landscape features including forests, farm fields, meadows, wetlands, waterbodies, archeological and historic structures or points of interest, rock outcrops, boulder fields, stone walls, cliffs, high points, major long views, forest glades, major tree groupings, noteworthy tree specimens, and habitats of endangered or threatened wildlife, as identified as primary and secondary resources according to Section 4364(2)b. Proposals for all site features to be preserved, demolished, or moved shall be noted on the Sketch Plan;

(f) All on-site local, state, and federal regulatory resource boundaries and buffer zones shall be clearly identified and all wetland flag locations shall be numbered and placed upon the Sketch Plan;

(g) Lines showing proposed private residential lots with approximate areas and frontage dimensions;

(h) All existing and proposed features and amenities including trails, recreation areas, pedestrian and bicycle paths, community buildings, off-street parking areas, shall be shown on the plan and described in a brief narrative explanation where appropriate;

(i) The existing and proposed lines of streets, ways, common driveways, easements and any parcel of land intended to be dedicated for public use or to be reserved by deed covenant for use of all property owners in the subdivision, or parcels of land

or lots to be used for any purpose other than private residential shall be so designated within the subdivision in a general manner;

(j) Proposed roadway grades;

(k) Official soil percolation tests for the purpose of siting wastewater treatment options are not required for the Concept Plan. However, a narrative explanation shall be prepared by a certified Professional Engineer detailing the proposed wastewater systems that will be utilized by the development and its likely impacts on-site and to any abutting parcels of land. For example, the narrative will specify whether individual on-site or off-site systems, shared systems, alternative to Title V systems, or any combination of these or other methods will be utilized;

(l) A narrative explanation prepared by a certified Professional Engineer proposing systems for stormwater drainage and its likely impacts on-site and to any abutting parcels of land. For example, the narrative will specify whether soft or hard engineering methods will be used and the number of any detention/retention basins or infiltrating catch basins. It is not intended to include specific pipe sizes. Any information needed to justify this proposal should be included in the narrative. The approximate location of any stormwater management detention/retention basins shall be shown on the plan and accompanied by a conceptual landscaping plan;

(m) A narrative explanation prepared by a certified Professional Engineer, detailing the proposed drinking water supply system;

(n) A narrative explanation of the proposed quality, quantity, use and ownership of the open space. Open space parcels shall be clearly shown on the plan;

(o) All proposed landscaped and buffer areas shall be noted on the plan and generally explained in a narrative;

(p) A list of all legal documents necessary for implementation of the proposed development, including any Conservation Restrictions, land transfers, and Master Deeds, with an accompanying narrative explaining their general purpose;

(q) A narrative indicating all requested waivers, reductions, and/or modifications as permitted within the requirements of this bylaw.

B. Yield Plan.

Applicant shall submit a narrative explanation detailing the results of the determination of any proposed allocation of yield determined according to Section 4367, Basic Maximum Number of Lots, Units and Bedrooms.

C. Relationship between Concept Plan and Definitive Subdivision Plan.

The Concept Plan special permit shall be reconsidered if there is substantial variation between the Definitive Subdivision Plan and the Concept Plan. If the Planning Board finds that a substantial variation exists, it shall hold a public hearing on the modifications to the Concept Plan. A substantial variation shall be any of the following:

- (a) an increase in the number of building lots;
- (b) a significant decrease in the open space acreage;
- (c) a significant change in the lot layout;
- (d) a significant change in the general development pattern which adversely affects natural landscape features and open space preservation;
- (e) significant changes to the stormwater management facilities; and/or
- (f) significant changes in the wastewater management systems.

3. Procedures.

Whenever an application for a CSD special permit is filed with the Planning Board, the applicant shall also file, within five (5) working days of the filing of the completed application, copies of the application, accompanying development plan, and other documentation, to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, Department of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Town Engineer for their consideration, review, and report. The applicant shall furnish the copies necessary to fulfill this requirement. Reports from other boards and officials shall be submitted to the Planning Board within thirty-five (35) days of receipt of the reviewing party of all of the required materials; failure of these reviewing parties to make recommendations after having received copies of all such required materials shall be deemed a lack of opposition thereto. In the event that the public hearing by the Planning Board is held prior to the expiration of the thirty-five (35) day period, the Planning Board shall continue the public hearing to permit the formal submission of reports and recommendations within that thirty-five (35) day period. The Decision/Findings of the Planning Board shall contain, in writing, an explanation for any departures from the recommendations of any reviewing party.

4. Other Information.

The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this Zoning By-law. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning Board shall coordinate the public hearing required for any application for a special permit for a CSD with the public hearing required for approval of a definitive subdivision plan.

4367. BASIC MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LOTS, UNITS, AND BEDROOMS

The Basic Maximum Number shall be derived from a Yield Plan. The Yield Plan shall show the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) that could be placed upon the site under a conventional subdivision. The Yield Plan shall contain the information required for a Sketch Plan as set forth above in Section 4366. The proponent shall have the burden of proof with regard to the Basic Maximum Number of lots (or dwelling units) resulting from the design and engineering specifications shown on the Yield Plan. The allowable number of dwelling units within a CSD shall be as follows:

1. In the case of single family residences, the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) allowed in the CSD shall be the maximum number of lots (or dwelling units) that could be placed upon the site under a conventional subdivision;
2. In the case of multiple-family residences (with no more than two (2) bedrooms per dwelling unit), the allowable number of dwelling units shall not exceed one and a quarter ($1 \frac{1}{4}$) times the allowable number of conventional lots;
3. In the case of age qualified residences (with no more than two (2) bedrooms per dwelling unit), the allowable number of dwelling units shall not exceed one and three quarter ($1 \frac{3}{4}$) times the allowable number of conventional lots;
4. For every two (2) units of each type of residence classified as below market residences, with the determination of below market value made according to Executive Order 418 or any superceding order or legislation, one (1) additional unit of the same type may be added as a density bonus. This density bonus shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the basic maximum number;
5. An additional ten (10%) percent dwelling unit bonus shall be granted if the open space remains accessible to the public in perpetuity through either a full fee dedication to the Town or a conservation restriction with permanent access to the general public.

For all CSD density calculations which result in a fractional number, only fractions equal to or greater than .51 should be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

4368. REDUCTION OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Planning Board encourages applicants to modify lot size, shape, and other dimensional requirements for lots within a CSD, subject to the following limitations:

1. Lots having reduced area or frontage shall not have frontage on a street other than a street created by the CSD;

provided, however, that the Planning Board may waive this requirement where it is determined that such reduced lot(s) will further the goals of this bylaw.

2. At least fifty (50%) percent of the required setbacks for the district shall be maintained in the CSD unless a reduction is otherwise authorized by the Planning Board.

4369. OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

The amount of useable open space, percentage of useable open space allowed for recreational use and the minimum amount of natural vegetation in a CSD shall be determined by the size of the un-subdivided land area.

For CSD's from ten (10) to twenty-five (25) acres:

A minimum of forty (40%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

For CSD's from twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) acres:

A minimum of forty-five (45%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

For CSD's over fifty-one (51) acres:

A minimum of fifty (50%) percent of the lot shall be useable open space. A total of twenty (20%) percent of the useable open space can be used for recreational purposes. Building lots within this group shall have a minimum of fifteen (15%) percent natural vegetation.

a. The percentage of the minimum required open space that is wetlands shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in such open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes of this bylaw.

b. The open space shall be contiguous. Contiguous shall be defined as being connected. Open Space will still be considered connected if it is separated by a roadway or an accessory amenity. The Planning Board may waive this requirement for all or part of the required open space where it is determined that allowing noncontiguous open space will promote the goals of this bylaw and/or protect identified primary and secondary conservation areas.

c. The open space shall be used for wildlife habitat and conservation and the following additional purposes: historic

preservation, education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes. Useable open space may include paved or unpaved pedestrian walks and bike paths.

d. Wastewater and stormwater management systems serving the CSD may be located within the open space. Surface systems, such as retention and detention ponds, shall not qualify towards the minimum open space required.

2. Ownership of the Open Space. The open space shall, at the Planning Board's election, be conveyed to:

a. The Town or its Conservation Commission;

b. A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above;

c. A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the CSD. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of such open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town to perform maintenance of such open space and facilities; if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, it shall grant the Town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide fourteen (14) days written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance, and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it, in which case the Trust or corporation shall be obligated to reimburse the Town. Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval, and shall thereafter be recorded.

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topography and cover. Topography, tree cover, and natural drainage ways shall be treated as fixed determinants of road and lot configuration rather than as malleable elements that can be changed to follow a preferred development scheme.

b. Streets shall be designed and located in such a manner as to maintain and preserve natural topography, significant landmarks, and trees; to minimize cut and fill; and to preserve and enhance views and vistas on or off the subject parcel.

c. Mixed-use development shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and the use, scale, and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity that have functional or visual relationship to the proposed buildings. Proposed buildings shall be related to their surroundings.

d. All open space (landscaped and usable) shall be designed to add to the visual amenities of the area by maximizing its visibility for persons passing the site or overlooking it from nearby properties.

e. The removal or disruption of historic, traditional or significant uses, structures, or architectural elements shall be minimized insofar as practicable, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.

2. Site Specific Design Standards

a. Mix of Housing Types. The CSD may consist of any combination of single family, two family and multifamily residential structures. A multifamily structure shall not contain more than six (6) dwelling units. Residential structures shall be oriented toward the street serving the premises and not the required parking area.

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c. Buffer Areas. A buffer area of twenty (20') feet shall be provided at the following locations: (i) perimeter of the property where it abuts residentially zoned and occupied properties; and (ii) existing public ways. Driveways necessary for access and egress to and from the tract may cross such buffer areas. No vegetation in this buffer area will be disturbed, destroyed or removed, except for normal maintenance of structures and landscapes approved as part of the project. The Planning Board may waive the buffer requirement in these locations when it determines that a smaller buffer (or no buffer) will suffice to accomplish the objectives set forth herein.

d. Drainage. The Planning Board shall encourage the use of "soft" (non-structural) stormwater management techniques (such as swales) and other drainage techniques that reduce impervious surfaces and enable infiltration where appropriate.

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f. Screening and Landscaping. All structural surface stormwater management facilities shall be accompanied by a conceptual landscape plan.

g. On-site Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation. Walkways and/or bicycle paths shall be provided to link residences with parking areas, open space and adjacent land uses where appropriate.

h. Natural Vegetation. At least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total area of the total tract shall be a natural vegetation area.

4371. DECISION OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing, for which notice has been given as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11 within sixty-five (65) days from the date of filing of such application. The decision of the Planning Board shall be made within ninety (90) days following the date of such public hearing. The required time limits for a public hearing and said action, may be extended by written agreement between the petitioner and the special permit granting authority

The Planning Board may grant a special permit for a CSD if it determines that the proposed CSD has less detrimental impact on the tract than a conventional development proposed for the tract, after considering the following factors:

1. Whether the CSD meets the criteria for flexible development 4351(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h subsections 1-5) as well as achieves greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments than a conventional plan;

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3. Whether the CSD promotes a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features better than a conventional subdivision;

4. Whether the CSD reduces the total amount of disturbance on the site;

5. Whether the CSD furthers the goals and policies of the open space and comprehensive plan;

6. Whether the CSD facilitates the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities, and public service in a more economical and efficient manner.

7. Whether the Concept Plan and its supporting narrative documentation complies with all sections of this zoning by-law. Votes in the affirmative 162. Votes in the negative 45. A standing vote.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 26. NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 25. NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 27.

MOTION: That the Town amend the Zoning By-laws by amending Section 4360, Conservation Subdivision Design, by adding a new section, which will become Section 4370, exactly as printed on the handout entitled "Article 27, Prepared by the Planning Board, Recreational Subdivision:", copies of which have been provided to the voters at this Annual Town Meeting, and by renumbering the present Sections 4370 and 4371, accordingly. NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To call the question. CARRIED BY 2/3 VOTE
DECLARED BY MODERATOR.

MOTION: To reconsider Article 27. NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 28.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Sharon Zoning By-Laws by deleting the existing Section 6224 in its entirety, renumbering Section 6225 as Section 6224 and inserting a new Section 6230 exactly as printed beginning on page 50 and ending on page 56 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, except that the reference in line 8 of the first paragraph Section 6224 should be Sections 6230 - 6236, inclusive.

To amend the Sharon Zoning By-Laws by deleting the existing Section 6224 in its entirety, renumbering Section 6225 as Section 6224 and inserting a new Section 6230, which shall establish the procedures for applications to the Board of Appeals for comprehensive permits granted under G.L. c. 40B, the Anti-Snob Zoning Act, which Act is intended to facilitate the development of affordable housing in Massachusetts. The new Section 6224 shall read as follows:

6230. Comprehensive Permits. Comprehensive permits may be issued by the Board of Appeals in accordance with the following rules and policies.

6231. Purpose and Context. These rules establish procedures for applications to the Board of Appeals for comprehensive permits granted under the Anti-Snob Zoning Act (Chapter 774 of the Acts of 1969), G.L. c. 40B, §§ 20-23. They are required by G.L. c. 40B, § 21, as amended by Stat. 1989, c. 593, and by 760 CMR 31.02. The purpose of that Act and these rules is to facilitate the development of affordable housing in Massachusetts. Further explanation of the background and purpose is provided in the regulations of the Housing Appeals Committee, 760 CMR 30.01.

These rules alone are not sufficient to describe comprehensive permit procedures before the zoning board of appeals. They must be read in conjunction with and implemented in a manner consistent with the complete regulations of the Housing Appeals Committee, 760 CMR 30.00 and 31.00 and with the Guidelines for Local Review of Comprehensive Permits, published periodically by the Department of Housing and Community Development and with the Town of Sharon's Guidelines for Development Under the New England Fund (NEF), as the same are to be enacted as may be amended from time to time. In addition, the Board's general rules for conduct of hearings under M.G.L. c. 40A apply to comprehensive permit applications. In case of inconsistency or conflict between those general rules for conduct and these rules, these rules shall govern.

6232. Definitions

a. **Board** means the Board of Appeals established under M.G.L. c. 40A, § 12.

b. **Local board** means any local board or official, including, but not limited to any board of survey; board of health; planning board; conservation commission; historical commission; water, sewer, or other commission or district; fire, police, traffic, or other department; building inspector or similar official or board; or board of selectmen. All boards, regardless of their geographical jurisdiction or their source of authority (that is, including boards created by special acts of the legislature or by other legislative action) shall be deemed local boards if they perform functions usually performed by locally created boards.

6233. Filing, Time Limits, and Notice.

a. The application for a comprehensive permit shall consist of:

(1) Preliminary site development plans showing the locations and outlines of proposed buildings; the proposed locations, general dimensions and materials for streets, drives, parking areas, walks and paved areas; and proposed landscaping improvements and open areas within the site. An applicant proposing to construct or rehabilitate four or fewer units may submit a sketch of the matters in sections 3.01(a) and 3.01(c), below, which need not have an architect's signature. All structures of five or more units must have site development plans signed by a registered architect;

(2) A report on existing site conditions and a summary of conditions in the surrounding areas, showing the location and nature of existing buildings, existing street elevations, traffic patterns and character of open areas, if any, in the neighborhood. This submission may be combined with that required in section 6233.a(i), above;

(3) Preliminary, scaled, architectural drawings. For each building the drawings shall be signed by a registered architect, and shall include typical floor plans, typical elevations, and sections, and shall identify construction type and exterior finish;

(4) A tabulation of proposed buildings by type, size (number of bedrooms, floor area) and ground coverage, and a summary showing the percentage of the tract to be occupied by buildings, by parking and other paved vehicular areas, and by open areas;

(5) Where a subdivision of land is involved, a preliminary subdivision plan;

(6) A preliminary utilities plan showing the proposed location and types of sewage, drainage, and water facilities, including hydrants;

(7) Documents showing that the applicant fulfills the jurisdictional requirements of 760 CMR 31.01, that is,

(a) the applicant shall be a public agency, a non-profit organization, or a limited dividend organization,

(b) the project shall be fundable by a subsidizing agency under a low and moderate income housing subsidy program¹, and

¹ Local initiative proposals eligible for comprehensive permits pursuant to 760 CMR 45.04 also satisfy this jurisdictional requirement.

(c) the applicant shall control the site;

(8) A list of requested exceptions to local requirements and regulations, including local codes, ordinances, by-laws or regulations; and

(9) The Site Approval Letter from the subsidizing agency.

b. The application shall be accompanied by a filing fee based upon the number of proposed housing units of:

(1) For Limited Dividend Organizations - \$100 per unit.

(2) For Non-Profit Organizations - \$50 per unit.

(3) For Public Agencies - \$0.

(4) There shall be no filing fee for any project proposed as a Local Initiative pursuant to 760 CMR 45.00.

(5) In addition, the applicant shall be responsible for paying all legal advertisement costs.

c. Within seven days of filing of the application, the Board shall notify each local official of the application by sending such official a copy of the list required by 6233.a(8), above. Based upon that list, it shall also, within the same seven days, invite the participation of each local official who has a substantial interest in the application by providing such official with a copy of the entire application. All abutters and parties in interest shall be notified of the public hearing, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 11.

6234. Review Fees

a. If, after receiving an application, the Board determines that in order to review that application it requires technical advice unavailable from municipal employees, it may employ outside consultants. Whenever possible it shall work cooperatively with the applicant to identify appropriate consultants and to negotiate payment of part or all of consultant fees by the applicant. Alternatively, the Board may, by majority vote, require that the applicant pay a reasonable review fee for the employment of outside consultants chosen by the Board alone.

b. A review fee may be imposed only if:

(1) the work of the consultant consists of review of studies prepared on behalf of the applicant, and not of independent studies on behalf of the Board,

(2) the work is in connection with the applicant's specific project, and

(3) all written results and reports are made part of the record before the board.

c. A review fee may be imposed only after the Board has complied with the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B, §§ 1-19 and the following additional requirements:

(1) the applicant shall be given five days notice and opportunity to attach written comments to the invitation for bids or request for proposals;

(2) at least three bona fide bids or proposals shall be received; and

(3) the applicant shall be given five days notice and opportunity to comment on all bids or proposals prior to the selection of the consultant and the award of a contract.

(4) A bona fide bid or proposal shall include:

(a) the name of each person performing the work,

(b) the educational and professional credentials of each person performing the work,

(c) the work experience of each person performing the work,

(d) a description of the work to be performed,

(e) the hourly rate charged by each person performing the work, and

(f) all other expenses to be incurred.

d. All fees assessed pursuant to this section shall be reasonable in light of:

(1) the complexity of the proposed project as a whole,

(2) the complexity of particular technical issues,

(3) the number of housing units proposed,

(4) the size and character of the site,

(5) the projected construction costs, and

(6) fees charged by similar consultants in the area.

As a general rule, the Board will not assess any fee greater than the amount which might be appropriated from town or city funds to review a similar town or city project.

e. Any invitation for bids or request for proposals shall indicate that award of the contract is contingent upon payment of a review fee. If the applicant fails to pay the review fee within ten days of receiving written notification of selection of a bidder or offer, the Board may deny the comprehensive permit.

f. Prior to paying the review fee, the applicant may appeal the selection of the consultant to the board of selectmen.

(1) The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum, required qualifications.

(2) The minimum qualifications shall consist either of an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field.

(3) The required time limits for action upon the application by the Board shall be extended by the duration of the appeal. In the event that no decision is made by the board of selectmen within one month following the filing of the appeal, the selection made by the Board shall stand.

g. Each review fee shall be deposited in a special account established by the municipal treasurer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G.

(1) Funds from the special account may be expended only for the purposes described in section 4.02, above, and in compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B, §§ 1-19.

(2) Within 30 days of the completion of the project or of such time as the applicant formally withdraws the proposal, the applicant shall receive a final report of funds in the special account and shall be paid any unspent excess in the account, including accrued interest.

(3) The municipal accountant shall submit annually a report of the special account to the chief elected body and chief administrative official of the municipality for their review. This report shall be published in the town annual report.

6235. Public Hearing and Decision

a. The Board shall hold a public hearing on the application within thirty days of its receipt, or such other time frame

that may be mutually agreed upon by the Board and the applicant. It may request the appearance at the hearing of such representatives of local officials as it considers necessary or helpful in reviewing the application. In making its decision, the Board shall take into consideration the recommendations of local officials. The hearing shall be held at the date, time and place established by the Chair of the Board.

b. The Board shall render a decision, based on a majority vote of the Board, within forty days after termination of the public hearing, unless such time period is extended by written agreement of the Board and the applicant. The hearing is deemed terminated when all public testimony has been received and all information requested by the Board has been received.

c. The Board may dispose of the application one of the following manner:

(1) Approve a comprehensive permit on the terms and conditions set forth in the application;

(2) Deny a comprehensive permit as not consistent with local needs; or

(3) Approve a comprehensive permit with conditions with respect to height, site plan, size, shape or building materials that do not render the construction or operation of such housing uneconomic.

6236. Appeals

a. If the Board approves the comprehensive permit, any person aggrieved may appeal within the time period and to the court provided in M.G.L. c. 40A, § 17.

b. If the Board denies the comprehensive permit or approves the permit with unacceptable conditions or requirements, the applicant may appeal to the Housing Appeals Committee as provided in M.G.L. c. 40B, § 22.

DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:26 P.M.

Attendance: 233

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 9, 2001

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 2001 was adjourned at 11:26 P.M. to reconvene at the Sharon High School, Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 2001.

Attest:

Marlene B. Chused
Sharon Town Clerk

MAY 10, 2001

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph S. Bernstein
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 10, 2001

Moderator George E. Donovan said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request.

ARTICLE 29.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend Section 4500 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Water Resource Protection District, by amending Section 4531, subsection (s), by deleting the reference to Sections 4110 and 4120 and replacing therefor reference to Article 12A of the Town's General By-Laws, so that subsection (s) of Section 4531 shall read as follows:

s. the removal of any earth, rock, soils, humus or mineral substance except as to the extent permitted by Article 12A of the Town's General By-Laws.

ARTICLE 30.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-Law to change the Town's Zoning Map from the existing hand-drawn map, most recently revised, to a digitally computer-based map, to conform

to parcel layout and make it more accessible via the Town GIS computer database. A copy of such computer-based map is on file with the Town Clerk. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

ARTICLE 31.

VOTED: That action under Article 31 be indefinitely postponed. (Proposed amendment of Zoning By-Laws, Section 2423, maximum lot coverage).

MOTION: To reconsider Article 31.

MOTION: To amend motion for reconsideration of Article 31.
CALLED OUT OF ORDER BY MODERATOR.

MOTION: To call the motion for reconsideration of Article 31. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: To reconsider Article 31. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 32.

VOTED: That action under Article 32 be indefinitely postponed. (Increase in compensation to Town Clerk and Town Treasurer)

ARTICLE 33.

VOTED: That the Town accept Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and Chapter 380 of the Acts of 2000, which authorized additional real estate exemptions to be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2, 17D, 17E, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, 41C and 41D of Section 5 of Chapter 59 in an amount equal to 100 percent, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

ARTICLE 34.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize the various revolving funds under M.G.L. c.44 s53E1/2 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001 as shown in Article 34, on pages 59-63 of the warrant for this annual meeting except for B. School Bus Revolving Fund.

VOTED. A. Library Public-Use Supplies Revolving Funds

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known henceforth as the Library Public-Use Supplies Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire supplies associated with the use of public-use computer printers and FAXes such as, but

not limited to, paper and ink cartridges. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies collected as a user fee paid by the users of computer printers and/or the recipients of FAXes. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the supplies. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2002 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

VOTED. C. Street Opening Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1992, known as the Street Opening Fund as provided by M.G.L; Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

The purpose of this fund is to defray the cost of making permanent repairs to openings in Town streets by utility companies, contractors, and/or the Town Water Division.

Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by utility companies, contractors and/or the Town Water Division in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Sharon Street Opening Manual. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal year 2001 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2002 and in any event shall not exceed twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars.

VOTED. D. Recycling Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1991 known as the Recycling Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to support the recycling program of the Town of Sharon and to purchase and install shade trees and shrubs to be planted in the public ways of the Town and otherwise as provided for in Section 7, Chapter 87 of the General statutes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies derived from the sale of recycled materials including, but not limited to, newspaper, glass, metals and plastics, the sale of leaf bags, and disposal fees for certain special wastes generated by the citizens of Sharon including, but not limited to, batteries, tires, and used motor oil and white goods, and an amount equal to the number of tons of material recycled times the Tipping Fee at the SEMASS facility to be transferred from the Tipping Fee Escrow Fund. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of

the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2002, and in any event shall not exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars.

VOTED. E. Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Cable TV Licensing and Relicensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

The purpose of this fund is to prepare for future cable licensing or relicensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the annual proceeds received by the Town from the cable television licensee under the terms of a Renewal License granted by the Board of Selectmen. Said license requires that to the extent authorized by Chapter 166A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and permitted by Federal Communication Commission regulations, 50 cents per subscriber per year be forwarded to the Town annually.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2002 and in any case shall not exceed seven thousand (\$ 7,000.00) dollars.

Any unused balance, subject to subsequent Town Meeting authorization, shall carry forward for the benefit of Sharon cable subscribers to cover any costs incurred at the time of license issuance or renewal.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to expend from this fund.

VOTED. F. Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund

That the town reauthorize a revolving fund known as the "Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund" in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund shall be to defray the cost of advertising for hearings and meetings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by persons requesting hearings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus monies

deposited into the fund during FY 2002 and in any event shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

VOTED. G. Library Materials Replacement Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 1993 known as the Library Materials Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost by those who borrow such materials. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by the borrowers of the lost materials. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the material. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2002 and in any case shall not exceed three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

VOTED. B. School Bus Revolving Fund

That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the School Bus Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ or act in any way related thereto.

The purpose of this fund shall be to support the fee-based student transportation system established for those students not eligible for free transportation. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies collected from parents and guardians of students who are not eligible for free transportation and who wish to purchase school bus transportation. The Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, shall be authorized to expend from the fund.

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2002 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 2001 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 2002 and in any event shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand (\$275,000.00) dollars.

ARTICLE 35.

VOTED: That action under Article 35 be indefinitely postponed.
(Community Preservation Act)

ARTICLE 36.

MOVED: That the Town accept Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws of Massachusetts, which authorizes any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit,

certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, to fix reasonable fees or charges for such licenses, permits, certificates, services or work, and provides that such fees or charges shall supersede fees or charges already in effect.

MOTION: To amend Article 36 by adding the following at the end:

That any Board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons be required to have a public hearing advertised at least 3 weeks prior on public cable television before the imposition of any increase in such fees or charges presently imposed. **CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town accept Chapter 40, Section 22F of the General Laws of Massachusetts, which authorizes any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, to fix reasonable fees or charges for such licenses, permits, certificates, services or work, and provides that such fees or charges shall supersede fees or charges already in effect.

That any Board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit certificate, or render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons be required to have a public hearing advertised at least 3 weeks prior on public cable television before the imposition of any increase in such fees or charges presently imposed.

ARTICLE 37.

VOTED: That the Town include any interest paid on repayments of loans made by the Town to homeowners for use in making their septic systems comply with Title 5 standards in the receipts reserved under the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWPAT) Title 5 Septic Betterment Loan Program for later appropriation to pay the debt service on the Town's MWPAT loan.

ARTICLE 38.

MOTION: To see if the Town will vote to increase the fine for unauthorized parking in spaces designated for the disabled to \$200.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 22A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVED: That action under Article 38 be indefinitely postponed.

NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To amend Article 38 by adding the following: provided, however, that such increase shall not become effective unless and until authorization to do so is enacted by the General Court. **CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town increase the fine for unauthorized parking in spaces designated for the disabled to \$200.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 22A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, provided, however, that such increase shall not become effective unless and until authorization to do so is enacted by the General Court.

ARTICLE 39.

VOTED: That the Town accept Clause 54 of Chapter 59, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorizes the Town to establish a minimum fair cash value required for a personal property account to be taxed, and further to establish such minimum fair cash value at \$600, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

ARTICLE 40.

VOTED: That action under Article 40 be indefinitely postponed. (Amendment junk vehicle by-law)

ARTICLE 41.

VOTED: That action under Article 41 be indefinitely postponed. (Amendment of fines, junk vehicles)

ARTICLE 42.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the full apportionment of the 2000 State Transportation Bond Issue and to appropriate \$304,472.23 as available funds for highway construction, detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1999 and Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2000.

ARTICLE 43.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town abandon the ten foot wide drainage easement granted to the Town by deed of Vi-Queen Corporation to the Town of Sharon, dated July 13, 1960, recorded in Book 3834, Page 328, and shown on a plan entitled "Lakewood at Sharon, Section Two, Plan and Profile of Paul Revere Road in

Sharon, Norfolk County, January 10, 1956, The Schuyler Clapp Company," said plan recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 203, plan 1 of 1957. Said easement to be abandoned for the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) and is the ten foot wide drainage easement located under lot 24 and part of lot 25 as shown on said plan. It has been determined this easement is no longer required for said drainage purposes.

ARTICLE 44.

VOTED: That the Town accept and adopt as a public way each of the following:

1. Dry Pond Road: beginning from Station 0+00, thence running Westerly, a distance of 464.59 linear feet to Station 4+64.59, its terminus;
2. Ginger Way: beginning from Station 0+00, thence running Westerly, a distance of 630.95 linear feet to station 6+30.95, its terminus;
3. Fales Road: beginning from Station 7+00, thence running easterly, a distance of 650.00 linear feet to station 13+50.00, its terminus;

each as laid out by the Selectmen, including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the costs associated therewith.

ARTICLE 45.

MOTION: That action under Article 45 be indefinitely postponed. **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to notify the Governor and local legislators of the following community resolution:

*The Governor, Legislators and Board of Education have mandated the implementation of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) to ensure that all school systems are preparing all students for an increasingly complex world, and have established that all students must pass the MCAS in grade 10 in order to receive a high school diploma.

It is generally accepted by a growing number of communities, school committees (including the Sharon School Committee), educators and parents that the present MCAS system is seriously flawed.

No one assessment - state or local - should be the sole basis for promotion, graduation or other important decisions in the education of a student.

Therefore, the community of Sharon urges the Governor, Legislators and Board of Education to suspend MCAS as a graduation requirement until such time that these critical issues are addressed:

- The need to develop a variety of assessments so that all students, including children with special needs and bilingual students enrolled in vocational schools, are fairly tested.
- The need to develop additional criteria so that no individual test will determine the fate of a student or value of a school system.
- The length of the MCAS, and the inordinate time it takes away from time on learning.
- The effect on students of the use of the present MCAS test as a graduation requirement."

ARTICLE 46.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town rescind the vote taken at the May 8, 1989 Town Meeting under Article 17 authorizing the borrowing of \$1,000,000 for the Conservation Commission to purchase land.

ARTICLE 47.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town rescind the vote taken at the May 9, 1995 Town Meeting under Article 16 authorizing the borrowing of \$850,000 for the Conservation Commission to purchase land.

MEETING DISSOLVED AT 9:55 P.M.

Attendance: 93

ATTEST:

**MARLENE B. CHUSED
SHARON TOWN CLERK**

		ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECAP SHEET															
		May 7, 2001															
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ACCT #	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS				CH 90	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
				OVERLAY RESERVE	AMBULANCE RESERVE	FREE CASH			
01-401	D.P.W.	1,950,561.00	1,950,561.00						
01-490	STREET LIGHTING	259,100.00	259,100.00						
01-510	HEALTH	208,760.00	208,760.00						
01-541	C.O.A.	187,353.00	187,353.00						
01-543	VETERANS	16,852.00	16,852.00						
01-544	VETS. GRAVES	2,640.00	2,640.00						
01-545	COMM. ON DISAB.	1,550.00	1,550.00						
01-610	LIBRARY	667,498.00	667,498.00						
01-630	RECREATION	338,871.00	338,871.00						
01-691	HISTORICAL COMM.	150.00	150.00						
01-692	COMM. CELEB.	1,885.00	1,885.00						
01-710	MATURING DEBT	3,822,325.00	3,822,325.00						
01-715	INTEREST	1,453,742.00	1,453,742.00						
01-914	MEDICARE	300,000.00	300,000.00						
01-915	SOCIAL SECURITY	65,000.00	65,000.00						
01-920	INSURANCE	3,199,161.00	3,199,161.00						
28-450	WATER DIV.	1,434,103.00	1,434,103.00						
ARTICLE #5 TOTALS		43,548,863.00	41,266,791.00						
ART 7	NORFOLK CTY RET.	1,130,358.00	1,130,358.00						
ART 8	ANNUAL AUDIT	30,000.00	30,000.00						
ART 11	KING PHILIP'S ROCK	725,000.00							725,000.00
ART 13	WILBUR SCH. PRESERVATIO	125,000.00							125,000.00
ART 14	COTTAGE ST SCH REMODEL	8,307,000.00							8,307,000.00
ART 15	SCHOOL REMODELING	2,500,000.00							2,500,000.00
ART18	DPW ROADS/SIDEWALKS 02	795,000.00							795,000.00
ART 19	VEHICLE WASH FACILITY	240,000.00							240,000.00
ART 20	SCHOOL PROJECTS 2002	421,553.00							421,553.00
ART 21	AMBULANCE PURCHASE	180,000.00			90,000.00				90,000.00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2001

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of October 23, 2001, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. The Moderator said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to waive the reading of the call and return of the warrant by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused. There was no objection to this request.

The Moderator said that in the absence of any objection he would assume that there was unanimous consent to allow the following non-voters to address the meeting: Mark Nelson, John Witten, John Shortsleeve, Jeff Yost, Gene Raymond and John Winters.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That whenever at this Town Meeting a majority or two-thirds vote is required by statute, by-law or rule of procedure, a count need not be taken, or recorded by the clerk, but may be publicly declared by the moderator. If a vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters the count shall be taken, and the vote shall be recorded by the clerk; provided, however, that if the vote is unanimous a count need not be taken and the clerk shall record the vote as unanimous.

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$261,677.47 from available funds said sum of money to be added to the school budget for Fiscal Year 2001, to defray charges and expenses of the School Department. Votes in the affirmative in excess of 100. Votes in the negative 3. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED: That action under Article 2 be indefinitely postponed. (To raise and appropriate a sum of money to Standing Building Committee for Cottage Street School repairs.)

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate to the Standing Building Committee the sum of \$12 million for the costs of the

renovation, expansion, rehabilitation and/or remodeling of the existing structure at the East Elementary School; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$12 million under G.L.C.44 S7;

and further that this appropriation shall take effect only if the Town votes at an election held in accordance with G.L.C.59, S21C (m) to exempt the debt incurred herein from the provisions of Proposition 2½. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

ARTICLE 4.

MOVED: That action under Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

VOTED: To call the question. **DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.**

MOTION: That action under Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.
NOT CARRIED.

MOVED: That the Town amend Section 4360 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Conservation Subdivision Design, by adding a new section, which will be Section 4370, to allow a recreational component, including a golf course, to a Conservation Subdivision Design, and renumbering the existing Sections 4370 and 4371 accordingly, so that the new Section 4370 will read as follows:

Section 4370. RECREATIONAL SUBDIVISON

1. Any CSD of at least one hundred and fifty (150) acres in size may contain a golf course by special permit only.
- 2.(a)When a golf course is included, the maximum amount of dwelling units that can be constructed shall be the amount allowed under Section 4367, divided by three(3).
- (b)In all CSD's that include a golf course, at least twenty-five (25%) of the land shall be set aside as a natural vegetation area, and this shall be required before any density bonuses for housing units may be calculated.
3. Uses which are incidental to the golf course include:
 - a. club house/dining facility
 - b. function hall
 - c. putting or practice greens

- d. driving ranges
 - e. a pro shop
 - f. lounge
 - g. ancillary buildings which are incidental to the golf course use
 - h. the illumination of parking areas and other outdoor areas used at night
 - i. wastewater treatment facilities and
 - j. any other uses that the Planning Board may approve which are customarily incidental to such golf course use.
4. A golf course shall be designed and maintained according to recognized organic standards such as the Standards for Organic Land Care of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut with the two exceptions that greens, fairways and tees may be mowed to less than two inches and emergency non-organic rescue treatments may be applied upon demonstration of severe need and by obtaining approval from the Permit Granting Authority or its designee (Organic Standards). In addition, the applicant must abide by a groundwater monitoring plan, to be approved by the permit granting authority, for assessing the potential of pesticide contamination and levels of nutrients in groundwater. Evidence of Organic Standards design and management will be regularly certified in a manner and schedule acceptable to the permit granting authority. In addition, the applicant will create a nutrient management plan to evaluate nutrient loading that must be approved by the permit granting authority. Failure to obtain and maintain certification shall result in revocation of the permit to operate the golf course.
5. All water used on the golf course must be returned to the watershed from which it is taken. The applicant must demonstrate that water usage, including new wells drilled for the purpose of supplying water to the golf course or to its auxiliary structures and uses, as defined above, will not adversely affect the quality or quantity of the water drawn from the private wells of abutting property owners, public supply wells, or wetland resources. The applicant must submit, prior to approval, a monitoring plan to evaluate the impact of water quantity and nutrient loading. Evidence of compliance with this requirement will be the annual certification of an independent hydrogeologist/ environmental engineer retained by the Town of Sharon,

whose cost is borne by the owners of the golf course, that no such adverse effects have occurred. Copies of the certification shall be submitted to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Town Engineer. Failure to obtain and submit to the Town of Sharon an annual certification of compliance shall result in revocation of the permit to operate the golf course.

6. A golf course should conserve water resources using the following methods, including, but not limited to (a) wastewater re-use to the extent feasible, and (b) control of storm water run-off in a manner which will cause run-off to infiltrate into the ground or into irrigation ponds.
7. As a condition of its issuance of a special permit for a CSD which includes a golf course, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to enter into an agreement or covenant running with the land, providing for a lien or other appropriate security to the Town, to ensure compliance with the obligations of the owners of the golf course to reimburse the Town for the cost of the services of an independent hydrological engineer under Subsection 5 herein above.

MOTION: To amend Article 4 by adding in paragraph 7, line 4, the words "of \$20 million" after the words "providing for a lien". **NOT CARRIED.**

MOTION: To call the question. **NOT CARRIED.**

MOTION: To amend Article 4 by deleting in paragraph 5 lines 7 and 8 the words "the" and "of abutting property owners".
CARRIED.

MOTION: To call the question. **CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town amend Section 4360 of the Zoning By-laws of the Town, Conservation Subdivision Design, by adding a new section, which will be Section 4370, to allow a recreational component, including a golf course, to a Conservation Subdivision Design, and renumbering the existing Sections 4370 and 4371 accordingly, so that the new Section 4370 will read as follows:

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DECLARED BY MODERATOR 2/3 VOTE.

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 4. **NOT CARRIED.**

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 3. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$295,000 for the purchase from NSTAR Electric of street lights

and other NSTAR Electric-owned equipment currently leased by the Town from NSTAR Electric, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements and take such other acts as they deem necessary for such purpose; and, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$295,000 under G.L.C.44 S7.

ARTICLE 6.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town amend the Town's Zoning By-laws by amending the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Sharon as follows:

By removing the following parcels from the Business B District and establishing the same as a Light Industrial District:

The following parcels of land identified by the Sharon Assessors Map as:

Map 115, Lot 008-2 - Now or formerly owned by MJD, Inc. c/o Sharon Walpole Auto;

Map 116, Lot 004 - Now or formerly owned by Vickery Corp.;

Map 116, Lot 005 - Now or formerly owned by Vickery Corp.; and

Map 115, Lot 006-1 - Now or formerly owned by JCUK, Inc. c/o Sharon Walpole Auto.

The above parcels being located along Route One and Interstate 95 adjacent to the Sharon/Walpole Town Line, and are as shown on a sketch-plan on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 7.

MOTION: That action under Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.
NOT CARRIED.

MOTION: To call the question. **CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the Town accept General Laws Chapter 44B, S3 - 7, inclusive, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a special "Community Preservation Fund" that may be appropriated and spent for certain open space, historic resources and affordable housing purposes, to approve a property tax surcharge in an amount of 1 percent of the taxes assessed on real property which shall be dedicated to the fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or

after July 1, 2002, and to exempt from the surcharge both of the following: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; and (2) \$100,000 of the assessed value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

MOTION: To reconsider action under Article 7. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 8.

VOTED: That action under Article 8 be indefinitely postponed.

VOTED: To dissolve the Special Town Meeting of December 3, 2001 at 11:00 P.M.

Attendance: 635

ATTEST:
MARLENE B. CHUSED
SHARON TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 3, 2001

		Appropriation	Free Cash	Borrowing
Article 1	School Old Year Bills	261,677.47	261,677.47	
Article 3	East Elementary Remodel	12,000,000.00		12,000,000.00
Article 5	Street Light Purchase	295,000.00		295,000.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Walter "Joe" Roach, Chair
Allen M. Garf
Norman Katz

Benjamin E. Puritz, Town Administrator
Katherine A. Byrne, Administrative Secretary
Linda V. Morse, Part-Time Secretary to the Board

The May election saw Norman Katz re-elected to the Board of Selectmen. Following the annual election, as, is custom, the Board reorganized and voted Walter "Joe" Roach, Chair, and, Allen M. Garf, Clerk of the Board.

Any review of the past year must begin with the events of September 11, 2001 which forever changed the country and the world. The gaping holes left in the ground in New York City and Pennsylvania and the gash in the side of the Pentagon were horrific symbols of a new world in which safety can never be taken for granted and in which the quest for peace must be redoubled.

We have reason to be very proud of our Town in this time of crisis. This was demonstrated as Sharon residents, family members, and friends filled Post Office Square, on the Sunday following September 11, and by virtue of their presence at a candle-light vigil gave eloquent testimony of our collective resolve to contend with both our heart-felt grief and commitment to protect ourselves against future terrorist attacks. It is noteworthy that exactly three weeks before, on August 26, the square was a diverse sea of Sharon's humanity assembled in candle lit reverence to affirm our respect and embracement of our different backgrounds and shared vision for a more tolerant compassionate world. Let us hope that other communities and governments also strive to realize these humanistic goals of tolerance, inclusion and compassion and come to celebrate, with us, our diverse backgrounds and cultures.

Notable Town events or activities which occurred in 2001 included:

I. Fiscal and Operational

- The \$12,775,000 appropriated by the November 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting for acquisition of the Rattle Snake Hill property for open space was voted subject to a subsequent affirmative Proposition 2 and one-half debt exclusion special election ballot question vote. At the Special Election of February 13, 2001 held for this purpose 1,654 votes in the negative and 1,568 in favor were cast; therefore, the appropriation authority to purchase the property was voided. Various development scenarios for this property include: conventional subdivision, cluster-type design with or without affordable

housing, and recently enacted Conservation Subdivision Design with or without a golf course.

- A general operating Proposition 2 and one-half ballot question in the amount of \$1,039,961, primarily for education purposes, was approved by the voters. Voters also endorsed capital borrowings for: Cottage School (\$8,307,000) and East School (\$12,000,000) renovation projects; and for system-wide design improvements (\$2,500,000); purchase of King Philip's Rock 70 acres open space acquisition (\$725,000); Wilber School preservation to protect for future renovation (\$125,000); ambulance purchase (\$180,000, 50% from ambulance revenue, 50% debt service); and, various recreation facility improvements, including \$50,000 for Memorial Beach Plan shoreline stabilization first phase improvements.
- Other town projects, for which action was either defeated or deferred, included: Wilber School renovation for Public Library/Town Offices/School Administration complex; water storage tank/high pressure district improvements; and, freestanding Senior Center at Deborah Sampson Park.
- Adoption of the Community Preservation Act was defeated at the May 2001 election; however, voters at the December 3, 2001 Special Town Meeting voted in favor. Therefore, in accordance with state statute ratification provisions, this item will be placed on the May 2002 municipal election ballot for voter action again.
- Purchase of streetlights from NSTAR, authorized by the December 3 Special Town Meeting, are projected to produce savings of \$60,000 per year for the first five (5) years, coupled with improved service, with greater savings expected thereafter. With the advent of deregulation, the Town has procured favorable natural gas supply pricing for town and school buildings and is in the process of obtaining bids for electric power supply. Participation in the Southeastern Regional Services Group procurement program continued with savings in office and DPW supplies of \$ 67,000.
- Sixteen seniors provided in excess of 1,002.5 hours of valuable services through the Town's property tax reduction program at various departments including the Selectmen's Office, School Department, Library, Fire Department, Disabilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk and Council on Aging.
- Jack Sulik retired in September, as DPW Superintendent, after having ably and creatively served the Town in that capacity for seventeen years. Our best wishes to Jack for an enjoyable retirement filled with travel adventure, golf and lady luck at any casino he may chance to visit. Eric Hooper, Town Engineer, has been promoted to the Superintendent's position, effective October 1. The Town Engineer's position remains vacant at this

time, due to the impact of the economic recession which has severely affected both the private and public sectors in Massachusetts.

The Town may be confronting its greatest financial challenge since the implementation of Proposition 2 and 1/2 and the 1989-91 economic downturn with the attendant difficult choices regarding provision of necessary and desired services or programs in the face of severely constrained financial capacity.

II. Community Participation and Cooperation with Other Departments

- Reviewed and updated the Town's state-approved Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in response to terrorism information alerts issued by federal and state authorities.
- Involved with diversity and tolerance advocacy through Community Youth Coalition activities and "No Place for Hate" program under the auspices of the Affirming Diversity Committee. Supported planning and fund-raising efforts initiated by recently formed Teen Center Committee.
- Negotiated cable television renewal license with AT&T Broadband/Comcast Corporation which provides Sharon Community Television \$200,000 for equipment purchases and continuation of payment equal to 5 percent of the Licensee's gross annual revenue for community program support through 2011.
- Provided input to the Government Study Committee regarding form of government options and opportunities for departmental reorganization or consolidation for the purpose of realizing improved effectiveness and/or efficiencies in the delivery of town services. Engaged Jack Sulik, former Superintendent of Public Works as a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of the Department of Public Works providing maintenance services for school and town buildings.
- Staff from various departments participated in the annual Employee Development Day which included programs at the Kendall Whaling Museum and a field visit to the newly acquired King Philip's Rock, conservation land.
- Received a payment of \$17,910 based on tonnage of recycled material, through the Town's participation in the Mass Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP).
- Expanded web page information and functionality through assistance from high school technology support program. Served on Superintendent of Schools Search Committee and School Budget Task Force.
- In conjunction with a reading appreciation program, staff from the Selectmen's Office read "Green Eggs and Ham" to a Heights School third grade class, which due to the students'

enthusiasm, proved to be both a positive learning and overall wonderful experience.

- In the spirit of "Square Jam," Sharon's annual summer music improvisational event, hundreds were treated to sultry vocals from inspired and courageous attendees in the town center.

III. Planning, Environmental and Facility Improvements and Ongoing Projects

- Received Wilber School consultant's evaluation reports prepared under the aegis of the Wilber School Re-Use Committee and Townwide Comprehensive Facilities Planning Committee indicating the viability of renovation of this structure for Town Administration, Senior Center, and library purposes. Related to the above, it was also determined that relocating School Administration to the existing Library was readily accomplishable and cost effective. The analysis also noted that: "... the Wilber School is ideally located in the center of Sharon, on the main street, and is currently a detriment to the Town's image; renovation and reuse of the building will provide attractive and efficient space for users and is a logical extension of the Town's downtown revitalization; the proposed uses are complementary (particularly the Library and Senior Center) and the ability to share common space enhances efficiency." From a financial perspective, the reuse of the Wilber School is projected to save the Town over \$3,000,000 in comparison to demolition of the Wilber building and all new construction. In addition, by locating the Senior Center within a renovated Wilber School, approximately \$2,200,000 will be saved on the construction of a new freestanding Senior Center. Building stabilization measures, primarily to stop/prevent surface water infiltration, were successful, and expected to preserve the longevity of the structure awaiting renovation for three to five years.
- Construction of Post Office Square grant-funded, illuminated parking and brick walkways improvements were completed. In-town dining options expanded over the summer with the opening of "Coriander," a fine dining style bistro, located next to Starbucks Coffee. Depot Street bridge replacement project neared completion and is expected to be open for vehicle use in March 2002, with parapet stone color treatment, ornamental fencing and lighting, and landscaping scheduled for installation by June. Related downtown safety, lighting, brick sidewalks, plantings and street amenities are contained in the overall state-funded Main Street improvement project most recently projected to be "bid" in the fall 2002 with construction commencing in 2003.
- Modified well development strategies in relation to increasingly stringent new water supply state permitting requirements. Increased utilization of existing wells, in

accordance with state withdrawal allowances; treatment for iron and manganese aesthetic factors; installation of lower volume and/or bedrock wells; increased water conservation education programs; and, updating of the Water Master Plan are all underway or being considered. Notwithstanding the above, the imperative to expand the storage capacity/provide a high pressure district is a continuing public safety priority, and, therefore, the Board of Selectmen intends to place a article to accomplish same on the upcoming annual meeting warrant. In terms of water conservation, once again, citizen cooperation was instrumental in managing both overall consumption and peak demand by compliance with day of week/hourly restrictions, thereby, assuring adequate firefighting reserves.

- Recreation facilities improvement projects proceeded regarding: Memorial Beach Master Plan phase one shoreline stabilization and working with a citizen group to incorporate the new Beech Tree Park (near boat launch area) into the overall design; reuse of former landfill for athletic fields assessment findings indicated that the site poses "no significant risks to either participants or the environment;" construction of restrooms/concession stand at Deborah Sampson Park through the generosity/cooperative efforts of the Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association, ATW Construction, Alan Waterson, President, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and the DPW; on the building side of the park, new fencing for the Community Gardens, installation of replacement basketball standards and backboards in compliance with updated safety standards, and creation of an artistic mural by Vlad Lemeshev with safe skating messages on the building face adjacent to the skateboard area; and, at Dr. Griffin Playground, purchase of new apparatus and shock absorbing materials in accordance with federal government requirements through partnership with the "New Friends of the Playground," Recreation and Public Works Departments.

- In conjunction with the Planning Board, pursuant to State Executive Order 418, the Town's Community Development Plan (CDP) Housing Certification was submitted and approved by the State. Retaining a consultant, through available grant funds, to provide CDP related planning services covering housing, economic development, transportation, and environmental plan components is the next stop in the process.

- Public Works/Engineering activities not previously cited in this report include: completion of Morse Street (scenic road) sidewalk; filing of updated Route 27/High Plain/Edgehill intersection signalization design to the Massachusetts Highway Department in order to expedite construction under state contract; in collaboration with Conservation Commission and Recreation Department provided technical assistance regarding a land designation conversion application affecting King Philip's Rock and Deborah Sampson Park which will provide additional preservation protection for the King Philip's

property while allowing placement of community structures such as a gymnasium/aquatics facilities within designated portions of the park; Lakes & Pond grant-funded sediment characteristics analysis concluded that dredging was not recommended; and, Lake Massapoag water quality test results continued to be excellent for swimming and other recreational uses.

The Board of Selectmen goals and objectives are periodically reviewed and discussed at its meetings. Citizen input and participation is both welcomed and encouraged with respect to the above or other matters of concern which may be directed to the Selectmen's Office or to any Board member. Finally, and most importantly, the Board wishes to express its gratitude to residents who have generously served their community this past year. Their invaluable assistance is much appreciated and relied upon in our efforts to best serve the Town's interest.

TOWN CLERK

MARLENE B. CHUSED - TOWN CLERK
 BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
 LYNNE M. CALLANAN - SECRETARY

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
MALE	83	96	78	104
FEMALE	76	90	80	98
TOTAL	159	186	158	202

MARRIAGES RECORDED

61	48	69	59
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DEATHS RECORDED

MALE	60	60	55	46
FEMALE	58	52	42	65
TOTAL	118	112	97	111

2001 POPULATION 18,283

VOTER REGISTRATION

REGISTRARS: MARLENE B. CHUSED, EARL GASHIN, C.A. JIMMY JEMMOTT,
 MARY E. LINDBERG,

Prec.	Democrat	Republican	Libertarian	Inter. 3rd Party	Green	Reform	Unenrolled	Total
1	1009	232	10	1	0	0	1195	2447
2	825	219	6	0	0	3	1321	2374
3	846	258	5	1	3	0	1322	2435
4	746	232	6	2	1	1	1232	2220
5	739	273	10	1	0	0	1439	2462
TOTAL	4165	1214	37	5	4	4	6509	11938

TOWN OF SHARON
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		Capital Projects	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Long-Term Debt	Total Memorandum
	General	Special Revenue		Enterprise	Trust & Agency			
Revenues								
Property Taxes	27,971,562.68							27,971,562.68
Excise Taxes	1,936,137.61							1,936,137.61
Other Taxes	106,663.00							106,663.00
Penalties & Interest	208,778.30							208,778.30
In Lieu of Taxes	1,739.52							1,739.52
Licenses and Permits	261,810.42							261,810.42
Fees	59,710.39							59,710.39
Departmental	73,719.85							73,719.85
Fines	102,923.62							102,923.62
Intergovernmental - State	8,736,839.00	1,738,408.60						10,475,247.60
Intergovernmental - Federal								-
User Charges	53,872.75							53,872.75
Other	517,763.03	4,021,880.20						8,699,372.13
Total	40,031,520.17	5,760,288.80	-		4,159,728.90			49,951,537.87
Expenditures								
General Government	2,350,189.20	11,496.67	1,125.00					6,113,110.77
Public Safety	4,293,497.19	111,686.73						4,405,183.92
Education	23,235,394.26	2,732,014.80						26,285,416.08
Public Works	3,185,515.67	1,876,766.00						5,429,185.90
Human Services	395,770.13	184,577.36						580,347.49
Culture & Recreation	1,072,012.10	177,349.92						1,249,362.02
Debt Service	5,058,581.80							5,058,581.80
Intergovernmental	657,012.00							657,012.00
Non-departmental	4,025,156.46							4,025,156.46
Total	44,273,128.81	5,093,891.48	1,125.00		4,435,211.15			53,803,356.44

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(4,241,608.64)	666,397.32	(1,125.00)	(275,482.25)	(3,851,818.57)
Other Financing Sources					
Proceeds from Borrowing	3,791,713.00				3,791,713.00
Transfers In	419,951.42	41,130.88		1,000.00	462,082.30
Transfers Out		(419,951.42)		(42,130.88)	(462,082.30)
Total	<u>4,211,664.42</u>	<u>(378,820.54)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,130.88)</u>	<u>3,791,713.00</u>
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(29,944.22)	287,576.78	(1,125.00)	(316,613.13)	(60,105.57)
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>9,134,612.12</u>	<u>3,108,868.09</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,484,237.46</u>	<u>13,727,717.67</u>
Ending Fund Equity	<u>9,104,667.90</u>	<u>3,396,444.87</u>	<u>(1,125.00)</u>	<u>1,167,624.33</u>	<u>13,667,612.10</u>

TOWN OF SHARON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		Capital	Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Projects	Fund Type Enterprise	Fund Type Trust & Agency	Group Long-Term Debt	Memorandum
Assets							
Cash	9,991,776.40	3,560,445.21	723,875.00		1,214,130.29		15,490,226.90
Petty Cash	100.00				169.00		269.00
Receivables:							-
Real Estate	712,423.89						-
Personal Property	15,238.56						712,423.89
Tax liens and foreclosures	840,792.77						15,238.56
Tax Title receivable		550.00					840,792.77
Water charges receivable							550.00
Ambulance liens							-
Water liens		127.00					127.00
Betterments		16,753.15					16,753.15
Motor Vehicle excise & other excise	93,276.45	129,220.95					129,220.95
Departmental & other	2,570.10	698,203.14					93,276.45
Intergovernmental		744,796.63					700,773.24
Allowance for abatements & exemption	(938,851.66)						744,796.63
Due from State	227,948.00						(938,851.66)
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations						24,800,000.00	227,948.00
Total Assets	10,945,274.51	5,150,096.08	723,875.00	-	1,214,299.29	24,800,000.00	24,800,000.00
							42,833,544.88

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account	Total
	General	Special	Capital	Fund Type	Trust & Agency	Group Long-Term Debt	
		Revenue	Projects	Enterprise			Memorandum
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	515,606.14	164,000.34			6,585.58		686,192.06
Accrued payroll and withholdings	460,723.19						460,723.19
Anticipation notes payable			725,000.00				725,000.00
Deferred Revenue	723,696.51	1,589,650.87			169.00		2,313,516.38
Deposits held in custody	140,580.77						140,580.77
Other Liabilities							-
Accrued liabilities					39,920.38		39,920.38
General Obligation bonds						24,800,000.00	24,800,000.00
Total Liabilities	1,840,606.61	1,753,651.21	725,000.00		46,674.96	24,800,000.00	29,165,932.78
Fund Equity							
Fund Balance:							
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances	1,403,528.16	260,305.02					1,663,833.18
Reserved for continuing appropriation	3,451,108.84	226,871.61					3,677,980.45
Reserved for expenditures	2,102,072.00	270,000.00					2,372,072.00
Reserved for appropriations		67,842.84					67,842.84
Reserved for Petty Cash							-
Unreserved:							-
Over/under assessments	(13,374.00)						(13,374.00)
End of year adjustment							-
Appropriation deficit							-
Undesignated	2,161,332.90	2,571,425.40	(1,125.00)		1,167,624.33		5,899,257.63
Total Fund Equity	9,104,667.90	3,396,444.87	(1,125.00)		1,167,624.33	-	13,667,612.10
Total Liab & Fund Equity	10,945,274.51	5,150,096.08	723,875.00		1,214,299.29	24,800,000.00	42,833,544.88

TABLE OF FIXED DEBT

June 30, 2001

*BANK	LOAN/DATE	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY	OUTSTANDIN June 30, 2001	PRINCIPAL Due FY02	INTEREST Due FY02	DEBT
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Nov. 1, 1991 (1499-010)	3,095,000.00	VAR.	11/01/2001	170,000.00	170,000.00	4,845.00	113
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1994 (1499-012)	6,270,000.00	VAR.	07/15/2013	3,525,000.00	350,000.00	157,825.00	115
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Feb. 1, 1995	5,922,000.00	VAR.	02/01/2013	2,705,000.00	285,000.00	157,915.00	116
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec. 1, 1995 (1499-013)	2,413,000.00	VAR.	12/01/2005	835,000.00	185,000.00	32,637.50	117
C.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec 15, 1996 (1499-014)	2,775,000.00	VAR.	12/15/2006	550,000.00	125,000.00	24,400.00	118
D.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1998 (1449-015)	8,870,000.00	VAR.	01/15/2018	6,470,000.00	800,000.00	294,837.50	119
E.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 1999	8,895,000.00	VAR.	03/15/2018	7,415,000.00	725,000.00	315,565.00	120
F.	Municipal Purpose Loan Mar. 15, 2000	3,270,000.00	VAR.	03/15/2011	2,730,000.00	540,000.00	134,880.00	121
G.	Septic Loan Dec. 9, 1998	200,000.00	0%	08/01/2018	200,000.00	11,112.25	0.00	122
G	Septic Loan Oct. 6, 1999	200,000.00	0%	08/01/2019	200,000.00	11,112.25	0.00	123
F	Municipal Purpose Loan 01-May-01	3,790,000.00	VAR.	05/01/2010	<u>3,790,000.00</u>	<u>650,000.00</u>	<u>155,300.00</u>	124
TOTALS					28,590,000.00	3,852,224.50	1,278,205.00	

*Bank A.=Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.
Codes B.=State Street Bank & Trust Co.
C.=Fidelity Capitol Markets
D.=Fleet
E.=BankBoston
F=Corby North Bridge Securities
G.=MA Water Pollution Abatement Trust

Office Of The Collector

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Collector
Elizabeth A. Siemiakaska, Assistant Collector
Jean A. Naughton, Collections Supervisor
Patricia A. Morrison, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Caryl D. Antonio, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Patricia T. Lesco, Junior Bookkeeper / Secretary

Office Of The Treasurer

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Treasurer
Judith K. Doo, Assistant Treasurer
Sharon W. Collins, Payroll Supervisor

Department of Data Processing

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Manager of Information Systems
Donald P. Hillegass, Systems Administrator
Barry R. Zlotin, Technical Support Specialist

The Office of the Collector is responsible for the collection of all taxes and excises assessed by the Board of Assessors, and usage fees assessed by the Water Department, and School Departments. The Office also properly records and accounts for all funds received. On the occasion of a tax delinquency, the Office prepares and processes tax takings. The Office of the Treasurer receives all Town revenues according to departmental turn-in schedules. The Office properly accounts for these receipts to the Town Accountant and the investment of these funds. The Office distributes all disbursements to Town employees and vendors. The Office processes payroll for over 800 employees and administers all employee benefits. The Office is responsible for the planning, negotiations, and settlement of all temporary and permanent debt. The Department of Data Processing maintains the operation of all computer hardware and peripherals, and sustains and administers the various software programs that support the financials, collections, assessed valuations, property records, census, and water usage. The Department creates applications to support other activities as needed within the Town.

Temporary Borrowings Issued in FY01:

Bond Anticipation Note of \$1,930,000 issued 15 September 2000 and renewed 29 March 2001.
Bond Anticipation Note of \$540,000 issued 25 January 2001 and renewed 29 March 2001.
Bond Anticipation Note of \$1,930,000 renewed 29 March 2001 and retired 3 May 2001.
Bond Anticipation Note of \$587,000 renewed 29 March 2001 and retired 3 May 2001.
Bond Anticipation Note of \$725,000 issued 29 June 2001 and scheduled to be retired 29 March 2002.

Permanent Debt Issued in FY01:

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Net Interest</u> <u>Costs</u>
Authorized on January 24, 2000				
School Committee				
High School Roof Repairs	\$47,000	\$47,000	01-May-10	\$9,423
Authorized on May 8, 2000				
Board of Library Trustees				
HVAC System & Building Repairs	\$105,000	\$105,000	01-May-10	\$21,052
Fire Department				
Pumper Thermal Image Helmets	\$375,000	\$375,000	01-May-10	\$85,896
Police Department				
Ballistic Vest Replacements	\$8,800	\$8,800	01-May-06	\$887
Computer Equipment	\$36,200	\$36,200	01-May-04	\$2,600
	<hr/> \$45,000	<hr/> \$45,000		<hr/> \$3,487
Public Works Department				
Curb & Sidewalk Construction	\$175,000	\$175,000	01-May-05	\$17,838
Street Improvements	\$575,000	\$575,000	01-May-05	\$58,612
Equipment	\$103,000	\$103,000	01-May-06	\$10,746
	<hr/> \$853,000	<hr/> \$853,000		<hr/> \$87,196
Recreation Department				
Community Center Improvements	\$25,000	\$25,000	01-May-10	\$5,013
Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	01-May-06	\$2,087
	<hr/> \$45,000	<hr/> \$45,000		<hr/> \$7,099
School Committee				
Feasibility Study (East & Cottage)	\$60,000	\$60,000	01-May-06	\$7,376
Remodeling Buildings	\$212,000	\$212,000	01-May-10	\$42,505
Equipment	\$239,713	\$239,713	01-May-06	\$24,987
	<hr/> \$511,713	<hr/> \$511,713		<hr/> \$74,869

Authorized November 14, 2000

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Net Interest</u> <u>Costs</u>
Board of Selectmen				
Wilber School Settlement	\$540,000	\$540,000	01-May-10	\$117,885
Council on Aging				
Senior Center Feasibility Study	\$225,000	\$225,000	01-May-06	\$27,662
School Committee				
Design & Specifications (Cottage)	\$350,000	\$350,000	01-May-06	\$43,030

Authorized November 20, 2000

Board of Selectmen				
Wilber School Feasibility Study	\$180,000	\$180,000	01-May-06	\$22,130
School Committee				
System-wide Feasibility Study	\$150,000	\$150,000	01-May-06	\$18,441
Portable Classroom	\$200,000	\$200,000	01-May-10	\$58,320
Septic System Design (East)	\$165,000	\$165,000	01-May-06	\$20,286
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	\$515,000	\$515,000		\$97,047
Total Issue:				
	\$3,791,713	\$3,791,713		\$596,775

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Paula B. Keefe, M.A.A. Chairman
Robert A. Merritt, M.A.A.
Ellen W. Abelson, M.A.A.

Mark J. Mazur, M.A.A., Assistant Assessor
Mary A. Hall, Administrative Assistant
Martha Lurie, Senior Clerk

ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY		Fiscal 2002	Fiscal 2001	
Real Estate		1,685,372,300	1,608,591,100	
Personal Property		28,559,400	29,147,700	
Total		1,713,931,700	1,637,738,800	
REAL ESTATE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION		148,750,300	135,801,800	
FIVE YEAR SUMMARY				
Fiscal Year	Valuation	Total Appropriation	To be raised by Taxation	Tax Rate
1998	1,258,567,200	35,025,137.00	23,937,948.14	19.02
1999	1,277,690,600	37,853,834.00	25,975,449.90	20.33
2000	1,293,854,400	39,790,807.54	26,756,908.99	20.68
2001	1,637,738,800	44,012,119.14	28,562,164.67	17.44
2002	1,713,931,700	46,549,894.23	30,593,680.85	17.85

During fiscal 2001 the Board of Assessors held twenty-six meetings. The Board granted 1,000 motor vehicle abatements, acted on two hundred and fifty two applications for real estate or personal property abatement and approved the following exemptions for fiscal 2001:

Clause	Number Granted	Tax Dollars Exempted
17D(Surv.Spouse)	17	\$5,618.96
18(Hardship)	1	1,200.93
22(Veterans)	117	57,177.04
22A(Veterans)	4	3,400.00
22E(Veterans)	9	9,262.09
37(Blind)	11	8,467.29
41C(Elderly)	28	22,869.70
42(Surv.Sp.Police)	1	3,498.99
Paraplegics	2	7,569.06
Totals	190	\$119,064.06
41A Deferred Taxes	14	38,542.50

Sharon Public Schools

School Committee

Mitchell Blaustein, Chair
Sam Liao, Vice Chair
Jane Furr
Linda Lurie
Andrew Nebenzahl
Suzanne Peyton

Mission Statement

The Sharon Public Schools, in partnership with the community, has as its mission the responsibility to prepare students to live in a rapidly changing society. Together we will provide an environment that maximizes the student's academic, artistic, social, emotional, and physical development. This atmosphere will encourage each individual to develop the skills and sensitivity for living effectively and responsibly.

The 2001-2002 school year marked a period of transition for the Sharon Public Schools. The School Committee appointed Dr. Claire Jackson as superintendent after the retirement of Dr. Thomas LaGrasta who had led the school district since 1991. They set the tone for the new administration by identifying the values and goals envisioned as central to the school department's mission. Included among these values are academic excellence, instructional excellence, communication and collaboration with parents and the community, and a deep commitment to diversity.

Teaching and Learning

Sharon's students and teachers continue to enjoy high ranking on the annual Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment. This year, Sharon students scored in the top 5% of all Massachusetts' students. Academic richness can be seen everywhere in our schools. From the deeply moving artwork produced after the September 11th tragedy to the essays written for Martin Luther King Day, Sharon's students continue to demonstrate their ability to think critically and to express their ideas in powerfully creative ways.

Embracing change and growing as a learning community are hallmarks of a dynamic and ever-improving organization. At every grade level, Sharon's teachers spend time together in a variety of professional development activities seeking to become more effective as designers of innovative instructional strategies that will enhance their students' intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth.

Communication

We understand that the role of parents in the success of their children cannot be underestimated and have worked toward developing stronger links between parents, teachers, and administrators. As a school community, we are striving to ensure that parents are fully informed about Sharon's academic program and their child's educational progress. We want all parents to

feel welcome to participate in the life of the schools. Our ultimate goal is to provide as seamless a transition as possible between home and school for all students and to serve both parents and the greater community as a full partner.

Diversity

The Sharon School Committee values diversity and strives to ensure that our staffing, our curriculum and our instruction reflect this value. A committee charged with examining the extent to which our practice reflects this value will be created and charged with developing recommendations for consideration and implementation in the FY03 school year.

Reaching each of these goals requires that the community at large as well as the faculty and staff embrace the ideals reflected here and that everything we do is measured against them.

Building Sharon - Building our Schools

A feasibility study, commissioned in 2000 and predicting significant enrollment growth over the next ten years, resulted in a systemwide plan for school renovation and construction. The Standing Building Committee, working closely with the School Committee and administration, began the construction of the Cottage Street School with a groundbreaking ceremony on January 23, 2002. Work on the design and renovation of the East Elementary School is ongoing. Supported by Dr. Barbara Dunham and Mr. Kenneth Wertz, the Sharon Schools will continue to plan for the future development of the Middle School and East Foxboro Street sites.

In an effort to provide short-term classroom space until the Middle School project can begin, sixth graders moved into twelve modular classrooms located at the Middle School on February 4, 2002.

Budget

The budget for FY03 presents a greater challenge to the Town of Sharon than has been faced since the late 1980s. The events of September 11th, coupled with an already wavering economic environment have conspired to make the cutbacks we would have faced in order to balance the budget against an FY02 deficit of nearly one million dollars even more disheartening. While the future of the school department budget remains unclear at this time, the School Committee and the administration are committed to the tradition of excellence that has come to characterize the Sharon Public Schools. Whatever the budget, we will consistently and energetically continue to find ways to improve the quality of education for Sharon students.

SHARON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph S. Bernstein, Chief of Police

My tenth annual report as the Chief of Police of our community must address the impact of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 on our community and Police Department. The sheer emotional impact is one we all experienced, but those of us in public safety have never been more proud to be a member of a fraternity of men and women who sacrificed their lives to save thousands of innocent civilians. A tragic time in our nation's history has kindled numerous inspirational acts, which is indicative of our community and nation. The men and women of the Sharon Police Department are honored to be part of the public safety community, which has been entrusted with the well being of our community. We take pride in our commitment to service your safety needs and accomplish this through traditional policing methods, which are most visible, and through nontraditional and less visible initiatives. We also recognize the need for us as an organization to make adjustments so we are prepared to respond to these new public safety hazards. To that end, at the Police Department we held a meeting of all public safety departments (civil defense, police, fire & EMS), Department of Public Works, Health Department, and others. Out of that meeting new protocols were developed and implemented, and a follow-up meeting was held with the Board of Selectmen. Personnel continue to get up to date training to maintain a high level of competency in confronting our new challenges.

Again this year we aggressively pursued funding to augment Town funding to purchase equipment and put additional officers in the field. In past years grant funding has enabled us to purchase a patrol boat, speed monitoring sign, fully equipped motorcycle, and in 2001 monies to purchase new radar units for all marked patrol vehicles and motorcycles. Additionally, funds were granted to pay for extra officers to conduct marine patrols at the lake, bicycle patrols around our recreational facilities during weekends, Independence Day festivities and concerts, Halloween, as well as foot patrols for the Square Jam and other activities. Grant monies also paid for the training of officers to complete these tasks. We were again awarded a D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Grant of \$13,000, which supplements Town funding for the program in the three elementary schools and Middle School.

Communication with everyone in our community is something we continually foster. We have initiatives where officers visit the elementary schools during lunch hours to interact with the students, programs at the Middle School to deal with dating violence and other topical issues, internships for high school students as well as one officer who spends a great deal of his time at the high school as a resource for students and faculty. Outside of the school atmosphere this past year, we have reached the entire community through participation with Sharon Community

Television, which is a tremendous asset to our community. A Community Television staff member developed and aired a short program after spending some time on patrol with officers during Halloween, and I participated in the "02067" program. We have visited many organizations and given short talks on various topics of interest. It is always a pleasure to visit with members of the Dorcas Society, Men's Club, and Rotary Club. Other examples of activities we continue to offer are, Emergency Alert Program (issuance of I.D. bracelets to individuals affected by Alzheimer and similar diseases), assistance in proper installation of infant and children vehicle safety seats, home security surveys, and traffic surveys.

As mentioned earlier, personnel have attended numerous training sessions to keep abreast and expand their knowledge to better serve the community. Topics included: incident command training, terrorism awareness, Internet crimes, racial profiling, domestic violence, drugs and impairment recognition, regional special response team, supervisor training, and recognizing and dealing with hazards within the schools. Additionally, all officers attend a week long training program through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council dealing with legal issues, firearms qualification, first responder certification, defensive tactics, community policing, plus other areas of interest.

The Police Department was involved in over 15,500 incidents, an increase of over 10% from the previous year. Officers responded to 437 motor vehicle accidents of which 306 required formal reporting and 46 involved personal injuries. It is good to be able to report that all accident involvement categories declined over the previous year, however all drivers must continue to be more careful and drive defensively so the trend continues. As Sharon and surrounding areas continue to develop, the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic continues to increase, therefore our continued vigilance and patience are necessary. Officers issued 408 written warnings, 815 civil violations and 290 criminal complaints. Motor vehicle traffic enforcement increased considerably, which appears to have had a positive impact on motor vehicle accidents. Officers served 55 Domestic Violence Protective Orders and arrested 17 people for domestic violence. We responded to over 1300 burglary alarms, of which almost all were false, weather related, malfunctions or operator error. Officers were called upon 180 times to assist citizens who locked themselves out of their vehicle. There were 17 reported burglaries and six attempted burglaries, down from last year. Reported larcenies have steadily declined over the last few years from 121 in 1998 to 95 in 2001. Last year I reported to you about senseless acts of vandalism and need for all of us to become involved and report suspicious activity. I am glad to inform you that in 2001 there was a considerable decrease in these incidents, from 132 in 2000, to 84 in 2001. The overall crime statistics for our community are very positive. They are reflective of the hard work and commitment of the men and women

of the police department, and the citizens of our community who stay involved, and act as extra eyes and ears for the police department.

As in past years, I will conclude by thanking all the people who have supported the Sharon Police Department. Many of you have spoken to me personally and others have sent notes of thanks and appreciation complimenting a variety of department members. Again, as in past years, and especially during the holiday season many people dropped off baked goods, fruit baskets and other expressions of thanks. For years a family from Briggs Pond Way has sent us wonderful pastries, and for Thanksgiving, Coriander Bistro arrived at the police station with a tremendous pre Thanksgiving dinner for the department. Your thoughts and thanks are shared with all members and are greatly appreciated. If you have any comments or suggestions, which you feel would be beneficial to us in serving you, please let us know. You can telephone me at 781-784-1588, stop by the police station, or send us a note.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Eric R. Hooper, Superintendent of Public Works
Marie E. Cuneo, Business Manager
Cynthia E. Rhodes, Secretary
Evelyn R. O'Reilly, Secretary
Antonetta M. Fraone, Secretary

The individual reports of this Department's five divisions demonstrate the overall breadth and scope of the DPW's responsibilities and activities.

Programs administered by the Department include refuse collection and curbside recycling. The quarterly cost to residents for both services had to be raised to \$45.00 due to increased tipping fees at SEMASS. Again a successful household hazardous waste activity was conducted in June - funded from residential refuse fees.

The Walter Griffin fields are now in the second year of use and the fields at Deborah Sampson continue to hold up well despite continuous hard use.

In August this year, John A. "Jack" Sulik retired from the position of Superintendent of Public Works after seventeen years of service. Under his leadership, the Department of Public Works and Water Department completed many projects that would have previously been performed by outside contractors. The roadways in town have been upgraded from a "minimally acceptable" rating to a "good" rating as a result of an ambitious master plan that calls for all roads to be reconstructed on a ten year cycle as opposed to the prior forty year cycle, and the water distribution system annually wins Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection quality

awards. Most importantly, the Public Works and Water Departments entered the 21st century with the introduction of computers and the Geographical Information System in the day to day operations of the Town. The water distribution system and the status of roadways are now monitored and tracked by computer and property information is readily available to the public at the Department of Public Works Engineering Division. We wish him a long, happy, healthy retirement.

Town Engineer, Eric R. Hooper, was appointed Superintendent of Public Works. We wish him continued success in his new position.

The Morse Street/Capen Hill Road sidewalk was completed in Fall 2001, linking the lake area to Mountain Street and the Middle School. Resurfacing of the railroad parking lot continued with approximately 2/3 of the main lot now resurfaced and environmentally sensitive drainage structures installed.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

William H. Petipas, Supervisor
Bruce F. Giggey, Assistant Supervisor

In addition to routine activities, street sweeping, pothole patching, sign installation and maintenance, snowplowing and sanding, maintenance of all Town owned vehicles except Fire Department, the following projects were completed:

- Bradford Avenue, Billings Street, Upland Road, Everett Street, Forest Road and East Street from Billings Street to Bay Road were reclaimed and repaved.
- Worked with Capone Brothers installing sidewalks on Billings Street, Morse Street and Capen Hill Road.
- Installed 2 catch basins, 2 manholes, 363 feet of 12 inch pipe and paved 4000 square feet of the resident parking lot at the Railroad Station.
- There was a total of 7 snowstorms during the year leaving us with an accumulation of 53.5 inches of snow.
- Supported and cooperated with all other town departments whenever required or requested.
- Numerous hours were expended working with the School Department at East Elementary School on reconstruction of playground area and at the Middle School on placement of temporary classroom project.

FORESTRY and GROUNDS DIVISION

Kevin Weber, Supervisor

Activities of this division during the past year included:

- Maintained all outdoor athletic facilities throughout the year for school, recreation, youth groups, and residents in all phases of maintenance and repair as needed.
- Applied for and achieved Tree City USA status. This is a nationally recognized award for the care, maintenance, and preservation of Town owned trees.
- Maintained approximately 155 miles of roadside brush, trees, and grass for safety, sight distance and aesthetics.
- Assisted Operations Division with snow and ice control whenever necessary.
- Planted or oversaw the planting of 175 trees throughout the town.
- Recorded 48.23" of precipitation in 2001.
- Managed Farnham Road compost facility where all leaves, brush, grass clippings and trees are deposited. A total of 9481 vehicles took advantage of this facility during the year.
- Conducted three public hearings on the cutting down and removal of street trees for the purpose of road and sidewalk construction, maintenance, and safety of residents.

WATER DIVISION

David Masciarelli, Supervisor

Routine Activities

Station Maintenance

Meters Read (twice annually)

5571

New Meters Installed	35
Meters Replaced	172
Meters Repaired	26
Readings for Passing	191
Water Shut Offs for Plumbers	92
New Hydrants Installed	4
Freeze Up Call Responses	2
Water Main Break Repairs	4
Hydrants Repaired or Replaced	29
New Services Tapped	14
Curb boxes repaired or replaced	81

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

State Bacteria	300
State Fluoride	72
Volatile Organic Compounds	18
Nitrates	63
Special	32

GALLONS OF WATER PUMPED

587,417,000

NEW WATER MAINS

Bramble Lane	480'	8"	C.L.D.I.
Lou Stubbs Lane	350'	8"	C.L.D.I.
Clarke Court	120'	6"	C.L.D.I.

1. Most of the year was spent replacing lead water services on streets that were being rehabilitated by the Operations Division.
2. Planning continues on the Water High Pressure System as well as a new water source.
3. In the May 5th issue of the New York Times the Sharon Water Department was featured in an article on water saving ways to landscape your yard. The Water Department Supervisor also had the quote of the day in that newspaper "unless you own your own baseball field, you don't need two acres of green grass under your feet."

BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Joseph X. Kent, Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Enforcement
Officer

James B. Delaney, Inspector of Wires

Edward J. Forsberg, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to construct, reconstruct or alter a structure without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector. Residents must obtain a permit to reshingle a roof, to install new siding, to construct a tool shed or a cabana or to rebuild a rotted out deck. Before undertaking a renovation project, residents are required to ensure demolition debris generated by this project will be legally disposed of.

Electric wiring cannot be installed, nor can gas piping or reconnection of gas appliances or plumbing fixtures be installed without a permit by licensed personnel. All domestic water piping must be installed with no lead solder. The installation of permanent water treatment or purification equipment or lawn sprinkler system connected to a potable water supply including private wells shall be made subject to inspection and approval by the Plumbing Inspector for the protection of residents and their families.

The total number of building permits issued during 2001 was 451, of these 25 permits were for single family dwellings. Single family home construction is down from 2000.

The total value of construction and alterations was \$15,235,403. The Building Department issued 42 occupancy permits for 2001.

Permits Issued and Value of Construction:

Type of Construction	Permits	Issued	Estimated Values	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Single family	25	40	\$5,811,751	\$8,337,430
Multi-family	0	0	-0-	-0-
Additions/ Alterations	381	334	\$8,019,314	\$6,382,639
Garages	4	4	158,300	\$ 85,000
Others (sign, pool/ demolition)	40	58	\$459,037	\$586,332
New non-residential	1	2	787,000	\$2,773,311

Fees for building, gas, plumbing and wiring permits collected during the year 2001 in the amount of \$142,764 were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

This Division provided all of the administrative support for 42 Zoning Board of Appeals cases.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Eric R. Hooper, P.E., Town Engineer

Peter O'Cain Assistant Town Engineer

James R. Andrews, Health Agent for Engineering/Engineering Aide

Garrett Walsh, GIS Coordinator/Engineering Aide

The Engineering Department saw no changeover of staff positions during 2001 , allowing the Department to continue to provide services to all Town Departments, including design of the Morse Street sidewalk, serving on designer selection committees for both school department and Town Building projects and preparing bid documents and administrating contracts for the Park and Recreation Department, roadway projects and the Water Tank/High Pressure Service District project. The Engineering Division further continued to provide technical support to Town Departments, Boards, Committees, residents and others throughout the year. The expertise gathered in this Division has allowed the Town to undertake projects and reviews that had previously required outside consultants.

The Division, as agent for the Planning Board, reviewed five plans submitted for approval and provided technical assistance to the Board during the processing of these applications. The Town Engineer attended all the Board's meetings. Construction of roadways and related improvements in eight active subdivisions were inspected regularly to assure conformance with the Board's rules and regulations. The Division provided guidance for the Design Guidelines relative to the redevelopment of Post Office Square.

The Division, as agent for the Board of Health, continued to implement 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5) and Article 7 regulations

governing septic installations and Article 16 regulations for governing private well installation. The Health Agent for Engineering attended all of the Board's meetings. The Division processed 95 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design, issued permits for and inspected the installation of 348 new or replacement septic systems; and witnessed 426 percolation tests or test holes. The Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to ensure public health safety requirements were met.

The Division also provided design, construction, and other technical services for the following projects:

1. Resurfacing and drainage at the main Railroad Lot parking area.
2. Completion of the Morse Street/Capen Hill Road sidewalk project
3. Other athletic field improvements, including layout, drainage and irrigation
4. Intersection and drainage improvements at various locations
5. Reconstruction of Norwood Street/High Plain Street, North and South Main Streets and Massapoag Avenue and Bay Road.
6. Inspection of School Department septic systems and assistance in design review
7. Continued involvement with town-wide space needs assessments and building feasibility studies

The Engineering Division G.I.S. (Geographical Information System) continues to expand. Use of the G.I.S. by other departments has allowed the Town to reduce or eliminate altogether its dependence on outside consultants, e.g., production of Assessor's and Conservation Commission maps.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DENNIS F. MANN
Secretary Ann LaChapelle

DEPUTY CHIEF STEVEN O. CUMMINGS
Secretary Karen Taylor

Fire Department Members

Group I

LT. Charles Healy
FF/EMT Daniel Willis
FF/EMT David Martin
FF/EMTP Michael Rychlik
FF/EMTP Richard Murphy

Retired in 2001

LT. Edwin Little
FF/EMT Paul Renken
Call FF William Bishop
Secretary Arline Volin

Group II

LT. Bryant Simpson
FF/EMT Robert Dubois
FF/EMT John McLean
FF/EMTP Burton Cummings
FF/EMTP Thomas Kenvin

Group III

LT. Michael Greenfield
FF/EMT John VanVaerenewyck
FF/EMT Gerald McNamara
FF/EMTP Sean Keener
FF/EMTP Ted Lambert

Call Department

Alan Watterson
Gary Kamp
Gordon Hughes
James Lindberg

Group IV

LT. Paul Fleming
FF/EMT Paul Spender
FF/EMT Timothy Earley
FF/EMTP John Guidod
FF/EMTP Michael Kelleher

<u>Breakdown of incidents 2001</u>				<u>Total Incidents 2001</u>	
Structure Fires	6	Stove Fires	4	All Unit Box Alarms	86
Electrical Problems	17	Heating Problems	1	Still Calls	794
Reported Vehicle Fires	19	Brush Fires	28	Aid Calls	806
Haz-Mat Incidents	82	Propane Grills	8	Ambulance	1358
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	24	Alarm Activation's	180	Total	3044

The Sharon Fire Department conducted over 565 inspections in 2001.

				<u>Equipment</u>			
Engine #1	1968	retired	March 2001	Fire Alarm Truck	2000	condition	excellent
Engine #1	2001	new	March 2001	Ambulance	1995	"	fair
Engine #2	1995	excellent		Tanker	1987	"	fair
Engine #3	1992	condition	good	Car 1 Chief 4x4	2001	"	new
Ladder #1	1994	"	good	Car 2 Deputy	1997	"	good
Squad #1	1996	"	good	Car 3 4x4	1993	"	poor/fair
Squad #2	1988	"	good	Car 4 Staff	1997	"	poor

The Fire Department started 2001 with great enthusiasm. For the first time since 1978 the Town of Sharon had six paramedics graduate from the State Fire Academy in Stow. They received 11 weeks of intense training in firefighting. The training is considered the equivalent of 10 years of experience on a suburban fire department. The department now operates with a staffing level of five men per shift with two paramedic/firefighters per shift. As members retire they will be replaced with paramedics.

The department said good-bye to Lt. Edwin Little (36 yrs.), Call Firefighter, William Bishop (30 yrs.) and Secretary Arline Volin (23 yrs.). They retired with a combined total of 89 years of dedicated service to the Town of Sharon. Firefighter Paul Renken was forced to retire with a knee injury after 14 years with the town. Firefighter Bryant Simpson (33 yrs.) was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Paramedics Ted Lambert and Thomas Kenvin were hired, after placing first and second on the entrance exam, to replace Paul Renken and George Dwyer.

The Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Service was very busy and responded to 1358 ambulance calls in 2001. Sending two additional firefighters on the fire engine to assist the ambulance crew enhanced service. The Town of Sharon was the first town in this area to have a full ALS Ambulance license and is considered the premier service in the area. Many of the surrounding towns are just now in the process of developing their own paramedic services.

Training continues to be a high priority and members received training in ice rescue, use of low-pressure nozzles, water supply, response to suspicious envelopes, identifying stroke victims, assisting paramedics, CPR, and paramedics completed a mandatory refresher course. FF Michael Kelleher attended a month long course and is now certified as a Hazard Material Technician, bringing the department's total to three. Both FF John McLean and Burton Cummings attended Officer training courses.

The department received Public Safety Grants from the State and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4700

and \$1000. The department has three members, Dave Martin, Dan Willis, and Tim Earley, who are "public educators" and they teach fire safety awareness and prevention to school children, senior citizens, and employees of various businesses throughout the community. The department also received a State grant of \$30,000 to purchase firefighter safety equipment. Portable radios were purchased for each firefighter and other items such as, personal protective gear, rehab materials, and an accountability system was purchased.

Sharon Firefighters were active in community events throughout the year. The firefighters sponsored the carnival at Deborah Sampson Park and all proceeds were donated to the New York Firefighters Fund. They had an Open House at the fire station and sponsored the children's Halloween parade. They participated in fire safety at the Horizon's For Youth Camp Open House. Paramedics supplied medical services at the July 4th road race as well as the Triathlon. Firefighters provided fire safety for the fireworks presentation.

Sharon residents experienced two serious structure fires in 2001. Overloading an electrical outlet caused one and the other was caused by a malfunction in the engine compartment of a car. The fire, caused by the car, destroyed the whole second floor when fire quickly got into the attic. The truss style construction contributed to the early collapse of the roof onto the second floor. The house had to be leveled and is in the process of being rebuilt. The other fire was contained to the living room area by firefighters but heat and smoke damage caused considerable damage to the rest of the house. The Bickford's Restaurant experienced a fire that was believed to have been caused by an electrical failure. The restaurant underwent extensive remodeling before reopening several months later. There were no personal injuries to the occupants or firefighters at any of these fires. Sharon firefighters assisted Stoughton, Foxborough, Walpole and Easton at woods and structure fires several times throughout the year.

The Sharon Fire Department would like to remind everyone in the community that fire safety is never ending. Residents had numerous fires, which were small but had the potential to be serious. The misuse of appliances, while unattended, was the leading cause of these other fires. Examples: dryers with clogged lint filters, toaster ovens left plugged in, flammable material too close to appliances, and overloaded electrical outlets.

The Sharon Firefighters would like to thank all of the residents and businesses for their expressions of sympathy, donations, cards, and food given to the department after the September 11th tragedy. We stand ready to serve you, knowing that we have your support. The community must act together to achieve a common goal of safety and well being for all.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Andrew Stead, Chairman
Susan Peck, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Day Barnett, M.D.
Jonathan Goldberg
Howard Kesselman, M.D.

Linda Rosen, Health Administrator
Kathy Berteletti, Administrative Assistant

Several Board members once again attained advanced certification by the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health. Elizabeth Barnett and Susan Peck were reappointed to the Board for three year terms. Jim Andrews continued as Health Agent for Engineering; Jack Lapuck continued as Health Agent for Sanitary Inspections and Enforcement; Sheila Miller continued as Assistant Health Agent for Sanitary Inspections and Enforcement.

Some accomplishments in 2001 included:

- Completed awarding a second round of \$200,000 in low-interest, long-term loan funds in the form of betterments to twelve homeowners for replacement of failing septic systems. In all, \$400,000 (in 2 rounds of funding programs) was borrowed from the State Department of Environmental Protection through the Water Protection Abatement Trust, allowing twenty-seven homeowners to replace septic systems and, in turn, help protect the environment. Specific guidelines and procedures for the program were developed by the Board with the assistance of Northbridge Environment Management Consultants.
- ▶ Continued to thoroughly review proposed septic system upgrades, variances, and alternative systems. The Board continued the requirement that homeowners with alternative systems provide a signed Operations and Management Agreement to the Board, with the following testing requirements: BOD, TSS, pH, TKN, Ammonia, and Nitrites. The Board worked on updating and revising Article 7 of the Rules and Regulations of the Sharon Board of Health (septic system regulation) in an ongoing effort to protect the health and well-being of the community.
- ▶ Revised the laboratory testing schedule for Lake Massapoag in accordance with the newly revised state regulations for bathing beaches. Lake locations, both swimming and non-swimming, are now tested exclusively for E-Coli.
- ▶ Investigated and approved of a meningococcal vaccination program to be conducted by the Department for high school seniors and college-aged students.

- ▶ Following a public hearing, agreed to accept the offer by Norfolk County Mosquito Control Program to provide a spring aerial larvicide program, at no additional cost to the town. As a result, Bti, a naturally occurring soil bacterium for the control of mosquito larvae, was utilized in pellet form.
- ▶ Voted to adopt regulations on body art, compiled based upon model regulations from the Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Health Officers Association, and the city of Quincy.
- ▶ Met with Nancy Harrington, DPH Immunization Program Epidemiologist, to review protocols regarding pertussis outbreaks.
- ▶ Created a subcommittee to study ways to educate the public on septic system maintenance, with former Board member Alison Walsh at the helm.

Permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health during 2001 included the following: keeping of animals (#42); caterers (#9); manufacture and/or sale of ice cream (#15); sale of milk and/or cream (#34); vehicle licenses for sale of milk (#4); lodging houses (#2); pasteurization of milk (#1); motels(#2); camps(#7); operation of retail food establishments(#17); food service establishments(#33); semi-public pools(#8); massage establishments(#3) and practitioners(#4); funeral director (#1); seasonal food service (#5); seasonal mobile food vendors(#5); transportation of offal(#18); dumpster operations(#5); portable toilets (#6); and retail tobacco sales(#7). The Board is also responsible for issuing 5 year renewal permits for underground storage of hazardous materials and regulated substances.

A Special Service Board, administered by the Health Department, is responsible for determining the eligibility of senior citizens and disabled persons (based upon income) for town-sponsored refuse collection. Thirty-three residents were approved for this service as of the end of 2001.

The Department conducted weekly laboratory testing of all eight semi-public swimming pools and twice weekly laboratory testing of all Lake Massapoag swimming areas from late May to September to monitor for bacterial levels. In accordance with revised state requirements for bathing beaches, the Department monitors the E-Coli levels of both swimming and non-swimming areas around the lake.

Compliance with 310CMR 15.000 (1995 Title 5, as well as with Article 7 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding septic systems) and Article 16 of the Board of Health Regulations (regarding private wells) was monitored by the Health Agent for

Engineering. (Please see the "Engineering Division" section for additional information.)

The Department once again participated in various health-oriented projects, including the annual American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" (with the assistance of Martha Lurie of the Sharon Assessor's office). The Department continued its collaboration, begun in 1993, with the Norton-Mansfield-Sharon Tobacco Control Program. Linda Rosen serves as the Board's representative to the Tobacco Control Program Board, with Sheila Miller as the alternate representative.

The Department acted as the town's agent regarding West Nile Virus, accepting and packing dead birds reported to the state by residents for pickup and testing by the State Department of Public Health.

Responsibilities of the Town Sanitarian in 2001 included the following: Unannounced inspections of food service establishments, lodging house and motel facilities, retail food establishments, and catering facilities to ensure compliance with the revised, strengthened State Sanitary Code and FDA Food Code. All food service facilities were inspected at least twice during the year. In addition, the Sanitarian monitored the requirement in the revised Code for each food establishment to have a certified food protection manager who must pass an accredited examination to fulfill this requirement. Also conducted were sanitation audits of school cafeteria food service practices throughout the school year; inspection of retail establishments selling tobacco products, as well as restaurants, motels, and lodging houses for compliance with the Board of Health Tobacco Regulation. Pre-season and mid-season inspections of all camps to insure continuation of proper sanitation standards were made by both the Sanitarian, Dr. J. L. Lapuck, and his assistant, Sheila Miller, RNC. Evaluations of camp conditions were made in conformance with increasingly stringent state-wide regulations.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public Health Nurse: Sheila Miller, RNC

The Public Health Nursing Service of the Sharon Board of Health provided services to residents of the town as follows in 2001:

TOTAL VISITS	3182
Total # Office Visits	3022
# 65 years-84 years included	1843
# 85 years+ included	236
Total # Home Visits	160
# 65 years-84 years included	87
# 85 years+ included	106

HEALTH PROMOTION VISITS	2190
DISEASE CONTROL VISITS	291
IMMUNIZATIONS	552
OTHER SERVICES	133
ADMISSIONS	53
CLINICS PROVIDED (Various Locations - Out of Office):	
12 Blood Sugar Clinics-Sr.Citizens	286
12 Blood Pressure Clinics-Sr.Citizen	360
Flu Injection Clinics	1660
(# 65 years+ included in flu clinics	571

Sheila Miller, RNC, continues in the 30 hour/week position of Public Health Nurse for the town. Linda Beadle, Nurse Practitioner, provides assistance on an ongoing basis as our second public health nurse. Additionally, the Department relies on several on-call Registered Nurses to assist with clinics, on an as-needed basis.

The Department provides regularly scheduled blood pressure/blood sugar clinics for all adult residents, as well as the monthly senior citizen clinics. In addition, immunizations, nutrition and weight control education, as well as monthly home visits (as needed) are conducted. Cholesterol screening is provided several times per year. The Nursing Department is actively involved with the School Department Nursing Staff, sharing information regarding immunizations and communicable diseases. The Public Health Nurse also assists with immunizations, as needed, for campers and staff. Sheila Miller, RNC, met with area camp directors to review health records. Coordination with the Council on Aging, area Visiting Nurse Associations, HESSCO, as well as other town departments continues on an ongoing basis.

The Public Health Nurse continued to follow up on communicable disease cases reported to the Department. Included among the 26 communicable disease reports in 2001 were 1 E-coli, 2 Salmonella, 1 Shigella, 3 Lyme Disease, 2 Campylobacter, 9 Giardia, and 2 Hepatitis B.

Town employee health screenings were again held, with positive responses from all departments. Cholesterol screening was provided, in addition to blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Sheila Miller provided various lectures and slide programs, including a skin cancer awareness program at the high school Health Fair.

Arrangements were made to allow residents to dispose of medical waste. This year's program was again conducted at the Health Department office in Town Hall and, due to its success, the Department hopes to continue to provide this service on an annual basis. In addition, arrangements made in collaboration with Sturdy Hospital and the Fire Department allow for disposal of sharps at the Fire Department on an ongoing basis.

Periodic cholesterol screenings were held in 2001. In addition, monthly evening hours for blood pressure screenings continued, in an ongoing effort to reach younger residents (who are generally

working or in school during daytime hours). Both of these programs have been well received.

A Skin Cancer Prevention Grant was received from the Department of Public Health. Two portable sun screen canopies were purchased for use at Lake Massapoag.

The Department once again immunized 6th graders against Hepatitis B, resulting in 86 participants completing the series in spring 2001. The series of three doses of vaccine was made possible by the State Department of Public Health, which now allocates the vaccine for this age group at no cost. Due to the success of the program, and with the cooperation of Meg Verrett, R.N., and the school nursing staff, the program continued with the next group of 93 6th graders beginning in the fall of 2001. The Department continues to provide the series of 3 Hepatitis B doses in the Health office to adolescents to age 19, at no charge. In addition, the department was pleased to provide a meningococcal vaccine program for college-aged adolescents, making the vaccine available at our cost.

The annual fall flu clinics went smoothly this year - - - we were able to immunize 1660 residents against influenza. In accordance with guidelines established by the State Department of Public Health, those residents over age 65 or with "at-risk" medical conditions were immunized first during clinics at 51 Hixson Farm Road and the Sharon Community Center. The general clinic, held at Temple Sinai, followed with great success. 700 residents were immunized during this two-hour clinic - - - the lines moved quickly so that no one seemed to mind the short wait.

Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Department's close contact with the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health became even more important. Department staff participated in seminars and workshops on bioterrorism, worked closely with DPH, as well as with both Fire and Police Departments, provided informational materials on bioterrorism to the public, and directed residents to the appropriate agencies for further details. The State Department of Public Health has been preparing for the potential of a bioterrorist attack for several years and, in the event of a public health emergency, is on track to provide information to residents through the local health department.

HEALTH AGENT FOR ENGINEERING

James Andrews

The Health Agent for Engineering processed 95 Title V Septic System Reports; approved design, issued permits for and inspected the installation of 348 new or replacement septic systems; also witnessed 203 percolation tests, 223 test holes, and 31 Title 5 inspections. 166 plan reviews were completed and 72 cases were reviewed for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Engineering

Division also performed twice weekly sampling of Lake Massapoag during the summer season to help to ensure public health safety requirements were met.

Recreation Department

*Ensuring Quality of Life by Helping People Seek and Create Their
Leisure Time*

Recreation Advisory Committee

Michael Ginsberg, Chairperson	
Gary Bluestein	Mike Goldstein
Larry Finkelman	Ben Puritz
Rick Schantz	Patrick Terry
Corrine Hershman	Jay Bronstein
Steve Lesco	Mitch Blaustein

Recreation Director

David I. Clifton

Assistant Recreation Director

John T. Connors

Athletic Supervisor

David Satter

Secretary

Maura Palm

Community Center

Community Center

Custodian

Caretaker

Paul Spender

Glen Peck

Recreation Highlights of 2001

This report highlights the actions and achievements of the Recreation Department during the year 2001. It also reveals the importance of our services, activities and facilities to the residents of Sharon as we strive to improve the quality of life. We continue to believe that our contributions, energy and commitment to the community have helped to make Sharon a better place to live, to work and to enjoy. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2002.

Facilities Used for Recreation in 2001

The following is a list of facilities used for recreation purposes during 2001:

Community Center
Deborah Sampson Park
Lake Massapoag
Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground
Town Boat Ramp
School Facilities
Gavin's Pond Soccer Site
Community Center Picnic Area
Borderland State Park
Lighted Outdoor Tennis Courts

Sharon Skate Park
Community Theater - Community Center
Massapoag Trail
Petties Hill Sliding Area
Ice Skating Pond - Deborah Sampson Park
Lighted Outdoor Basketball Court
Memorial Park Beach
Community Center Beach
School Fields
Memorial Park Beach Bandstand
Sailing Launch Site
School Track Sites

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Sharon Board of Selectmen appointed the following three new members to the Recreation Advisory Committee effective in September 2001:

Jay Bronstein - Rick Schantz - Mike Goldstein
The committee members who were re-appointed for another terms are as follows:
Mike Ginsberg - Larry Finkelman - Gary Bluestein - Corrine Hershman

The Recreation Department and Advisory Committee wishes to thank long-time member Louis Kafka for his dedicated service over the years. Mr. Kafka decided not to seek re-appointment due to his busy schedule. The community appreciates his numerous contributions to the recreation program in order to improve the quality of life in Sharon.

18th Annual Triathlon

A total of 755 triathletes participated in the 18th annual Sharon Triathlon held on Sunday, August 5, 2001 at Memorial Park Beach. Approximately 62 volunteers from the community worked with "Timeout Productions" in order to coordinate a safe event including a swim, bike and run around Lake Massapoag. Lots of support came from police officers, firefighters, recreation staff and Timeout Production employees.

Special Recognition Award

Congratulations to the Salvation Army organization of Sharon for being selected as the recipient of the special recognition award-2001 for their dedicated service to those in need. The Friends of the Summer Concert Series present this award on an annual basis.

Special Events - 2001

Some of the most popular special events that took place during 2001 include:
Small Fry Fishing Derby
Halloween Costume Parade
All-Night Graduation Party
Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors
Holiday Parties

These special events were funded by private donations.

Recreation Department-Partner Organizations - 2001

New Friends of the Playground
4th of July Committee
Friends of the Summer Concert Series
Sharon First Night Committee
Sharon Roadrunners Club
Sharon Youth Soccer Association
Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association
Sharon Firefighters Association
Friends of the Youth Basketball Association
NRPA National Programs
Skyhawk Sports
Sharon School Department
Southeast Regional School
Sharon DPW
Sharon Garden Club
Forestry & Grounds
Sharon Civil Defense
Creative Arts Association
Salvation Army
Sharon Police Association
Sharon Community TV
"Time Out Productions"
Conservation Commission

Community Center Doors

New doors were installed at the Sharon Community Center during the past year at the following locations:

Cable TV Studio
Community Theatre

Recreation Department Revenue 2001

The following is a breakdown of the Recreation Department revenue for 2001:

Permits: \$24,687.00
Fees: \$11,957.90
Department-Miscellaneous: \$826.56
Community Center Rentals: \$38,756.37
User Fees: \$320.55
Total: \$76,548.38

Dr. Griffin Playground Improvements

The Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground got a new water fountain, a batting cage and new bleachers during the summer of 2001.

Improvements at Deborah Sampson Park

The Recreation Department installed new basketball standards, backboards, rims & nets at the Deborah Sampson Park basketball court in September and replaced the fence at the skatepark site. The tennis and basketball courts were also repaired and painted in the spring. The Sharon Youth Baseball/Softball Association

continued to make improvements to the ballfield side of Deborah Sampson Park during the past year including the construction of a new building to house a concession stand/restroom facility for the park.

Sharon First Light Celebration - 2002

The Sharon First Night Committee organized a very successful celebration to bring in the year 2002. Lots of planning took place throughout the year led by Chairperson B.J. Gage and many dedicated volunteers in the community. The celebration included 65 different cultural activities at Sharon High School, free cinema movies, a giant fireworks display at Lake Massapoag and a teen scene dance at the Sharon Community Center. Most of the activity took place during the last day of 2001 and the first day of 2002.

Many thanks to all the sponsors of the Sharon First Light Celebration for their timely donations.

New England Recreation Award

The Recreation Director was presented the New England Recreation Award in June of 2001 by the N.E. Regional Council. This annual award called the "Joseph Trapasso Programmers Award" goes to a New England professional in the field of parks and recreation for outstanding programming.

New Friends of the Playground

The New Friends of the Playground met on a number of occasions in 2001 to discuss improvements to the apparatus area at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin playground. Some equipment was removed as a result of not meeting playground safety standards and new equipment was purchased and will be installed by the town in 2002. The New Friends of the Playground also designed a plan that will include apparatus equipment for various age groups.

Challenge Program

A new challenge program for young people with disabilities took place during the past year that provided satisfaction for participants, parents & volunteers. The program included instruction and fun & games in various youth sports.

Staff Training

Some of the staff training that took place in 2001 is as follows:

- CPR
- AED
- First Aid
- Computer
- Psychology of coaching
- Summer staff orientation

Annual Rodman Bike Ride

The annual Rodman Bike Ride took place on Saturday, September 22nd with a stop at Memorial Park Beach for rest, music and light refreshments. The money raised from the bike ride goes towards

the graduation and prom parties at the end of the school year for the "Class of 2002".

Wooden Fence - Community Center Property

A wooden fence was installed at the Community Center property in April of 2001 in order to insure safety and separate the pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The fence, financed by capital monies, extends from the Community Center beach and picnic area to the Community Center building.

Master Plan (Phase I) - Memorial Park Beach

The Memorial Park Beach Master Plan got underway in 2001 after Town Meeting approval. The top priority in phase I of this plan was to stabilize the shoreline slope, stabilize the trees along the waterfront at Memorial Park Beach, do some erosion control, provide new signage and plant new trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Amanda Sloan, project coordinator and Todd Richardson, the landscape architect has worked closely with the Recreation Department in overseeing the project. This improvement project at Memorial Park Beach is a 5-year capital plan presented to the town on an annual basis.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Officer, Diane A. Malcolmson

Assistants: Paul Spender

Amy Karibian

Valerie White

Calls Received: 2,755

Animals Picked Up:

	Total	Returned to Owner	Adopted	Took to MSPCA
DOGS:	28	20	8	
CATS:	38	20	8	
RABBITS:	2	0	1	1

WILDLIFE:

Field Calls	Released on Site	Taken to Rehabilitation	Destroyed	Other
466	403	22	38	3

The amount of wild animal calls received by this department has increased drastically over the last year. More and more residents are requiring the services of the Animal Control Department in the assistance of "nuisance animals" found in their homes, under porches/decks, in fireplaces, etc. There was a large increase in the amount of skunks found wandering through backyards leaving behind their odor. The increase in the populations for deer and coyote was a big concern for all. There were well over 30 deer hit by cars in Sharon during the short period of October through December.

The Sharon Animal Control Department can now be found on the internet through two very useful and successful sites. The first being www.Petfinder.com and the second www.1888pets911.org. These

two sites have greatly increased the adoptions of the stray animals found here in Sharon. The response has been overwhelming and a successful adoption of one of the pets found on the site came from New Hampshire.

The Department also has established a database of information on lost dogs and cats. Information can be left for the Animal Control Officer to be added to the database should you be missing a pet. This has been instrumental in returning pets to their homes, some even after months of being lost.

The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April 7, 2001. The Massachusetts Bureau of Animal Health requested that any town having a rabies clinic hold it on the first Saturday of April. This allowed for state-wide advertising for all towns participating. The Clinic here in Sharon has shown a steady decrease in the amount of animals coming in for their vaccinations. Dr. Russell Siegel administered 51 vaccinations. Due to the decrease in animals seen at the clinic and the added costs of running it, the Sharon Animal Control Department will no longer be holding the rabies clinic.

There were 1685 licenses issued to dog owners this year. Ninety citations were issued for failure to license and 19 were brought to the Stoughton District Court for hearings. It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Department to ensure that all dogs residing in the Town of Sharon are licensed yearly. License reminder postcards are mailed along with the town census. This assures us that all persons residing in Sharon are notified of dog licensing.

SHARON CIVIL DEFENSE

Bernard M. Rosenberg, Director
Michael I. Polimer, Deputy Director
Michael S. Corman, Deputy Director

"Civil Defense" is the 1950's and 1960's name for the national group now known as "FEMA", the Federal Emergency Agency. We were fortunate, once again in 2001 that the services of Sharon Civil Defense were not called upon to provide emergency assistance to other town departments during severe storms. Civil Defense has been called upon to provide assistance during severe thunderstorms, snowstorms or blizzards.

We are in the process of discussing the usability of our current assets both in terms of their continued service and storage needs. As our inventory of additional equipment grows we find that there is a continued problem for us to both store and maintain the equipment. Civil Defense acquires additional equipment as it is taken out of service by other town departments. This year we were very lucky to obtain the Engineering Department Bronco and the old Fire Department Alarm Bucket Truck. Both vehicles will be refitted in the upcoming year. The bucket truck will make installing lighting for the July Fourth Celebration and emergencies much safer

since we will be able to use the hydraulic bucket instead of extension ladders.

This year we again provided lighting for the July Fourth celebration. This activity provided our volunteers with actual field experience using our newly acquired bucket truck. These activities provide us a means by which we can evaluate our needs and deficiencies and plan for the future.

This year we were fortunate to add several new volunteers, but, as always, we are still looking for more. Civil defense meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at our headquarters behind the Police Station on South Main Street. There is no obligation to attend all meetings. People with diverse backgrounds add valuable experience and knowledge to our team.

SHARON COUNCIL ON AGING

Norma Simons Fitzgerald, LICSW, Executive Director

Nancy Weiner, Administrative Assistant

PART-TIME STAFF

Susan Edinger, LICSW, Case Manager/Coordinator of Client & Volunteer Services (28 hrs/wk)

Linda Pirretti, Transportation Coordinator/Receptionist (25 hrs/wk)

Victor Esterman, Mini-Bus Driver (23 hrs/wk)

Bruce McDuff, Van Driver (25 hrs/wk)

FUNDED BY OTHER SOURCES

Ruth Adjorlolo (Green Thumb worker, 20 hrs/wk)

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VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF

Bess Kinsley, Dorothy Meara, Marge Sinman, Lenore Watts

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Arnold Kublin, Chair

Ellen Bender

Elliot Feldman

Reuben Herman

Hy Lamb

Sidney Rosenthal, Liaison, Disabilities Commission

Robert Maidman

Sheila Pallay

Lillian Savage

Marilyn Stewart

Valerie White

SHINE COUNSELORS

Arnold Kublin

Marilyn Stewart

Senior Center

We are grateful to the committee members who represented the staff, Board, and Friends of the Sharon COA for their efforts to locate a new senior center with full time program space for a growing population. A free-standing facility at the Sacred Heart site was initially considered, though, at present, a new feasibility study has options including a new senior center at the Wilber School along with a new Town Hall and Library.

Information, Referral, & Social Services

In the past year, the COA provided over 10,500 information and referral, and social service contacts to elders, their families, and persons under 60. We continued to act as a resource to other town departments, and to provide some training and leadership to other COAs in the region.

Transportation

We provided 10,284 one way trips for shopping, errands, medical appointments, and social trips (outing, visits to friends, family in hospitals & nursing homes, etc.) This year we were able to integrate an additional errand day into our schedule with no added cost to the town. We continue to maintain a high profile within the transportation network, with membership on two committees to improve transportation in our region and as hosts at a second major Transportation Summit Meeting which brought the RIDE and MBTA management to our area to hear our concerns.

Volunteers

The town is indebted to over 60 volunteers who provided \$168,546 worth of services to the town this year as drivers, friendly visitors, speakers, shoppers, telephone reassurance, office help, tai chi, and other program personnel.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

In our region, SHINE served over 1400 clients and saved elders \$824,965 during the past year.

Property Tax Work-off Program

In the past year, the COA has recruited and placed 16 Municipal Service Incentive Program workers into nine town departments providing over 1,000 hours of service to the Town while saving up to \$500 off their property taxes.

Home Repair Program

This program received a wonderful boost this year with the special help of volunteer Rick Schlosser. An intergenerational car wash raised over \$400 towards this program which focuses on helping elders maintain safe and comfortable homes.

English-as-a-Second Language, Ethnic Lunch, Diversity Programs

These programs provide voluntary instruction, socialization, and programs to many Russian-speaking, Indian, and other elders. All persons, 60 and over, are welcome.

Fitness

The COA offers four classes per week of fitness, including special classes for arthritis, osteoporosis, tai chi, and some classes for persons with visual impairments as part of our monthly Vision Support Group.

Clubs

COA clubs include the Young at Heart which meets monthly for lunches, entertainment, speakers, and trips, and our Men's Club - a weekly club featuring fascinating speakers, breakfasts,

cribbage, chorus, tennis, cards, travel, investing, and so on. This club is known statewide and has something for everyone. The public is welcome to participate in available programs.

And much more...cable shows, feature stories in the newspaper, monthly newsletter, intergenerational programs, computer programs, help provide information, service, and interesting diversions for people 60 and over in Sharon.

The Council on Aging thanks for their ongoing support: FSCOA (Friends of the Sharon COA), Temple Israel, Congregational Church, HESSCO, Sharon Rotary, Sharon Schools, Starbucks, other departments, and other organizations in the area.

Contact the COA at www.sharonseniors.com or email us at sharonmacoa@fastdial.net.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Paul R. Bergeron, Director

Financial aid and or counsel was given by the Veterans' Agent to Sharon resident veterans who had a need and met the Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines. Arrangements were made with other agencies for those who did not meet the state criteria.

Veterans and or their family members were provided Veteran Services consisting of information, referral and advice as well as aid in preparation of applications for veteran entitlements. The service was oriented toward the goal of obtaining veterans benefits offered by the state and federal government. The applications consisted of one or a combination of entitlements related to medical care, hospitalization, insurance, burial allowance, grave markers, educational opportunities, home loans, pensions, correction of military records and other veteran benefits.

The Veterans Advisory column in the Sharon Advocate was continued. The purpose of the articles was to inform veterans and the community of veterans' issues and activities. However, the editor appears to have need for the column space. The Memorial Day article appeared two months after submission. The Flag Day column was never published.

Memorial Day activities were held the Sunday prior to Memorial Day and will continue to be held on that day in the future. The activities consisted of a grave site service held at Rock Ridge Cemetery and a civic ceremony conducted in front of the Town Hall.

Prior to the civic ceremony, there was a short parade through the center of Sharon. At the Town Hall, a student from

each of the elementary schools read their essay about Memorial Day.

A Flag Day Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was done the evening of June 14, 2001 at the Sharon Memorial Beach. An excellent musical program by elementary and middle school students followed the ceremony.

The Sharon Veterans of Foreign Wars members performed a Retreat Ceremony at the Sharon Historical Society Flagpole. In attendance were the Walpole V.F.W. Color Guard and Sharon Police Honor Guard. This was done prior to sunset on Veterans Day.

The Sharon Historical Society honored veterans on Veterans Day by having displays of military memorabilia and bringing speakers for the conclusion of the day. The Sharon Veteran Agent, Paul Bergeron was the featured speaker for the Veterans Day Program.

A Salute to Veterans was performed by the Sons of the American Legion on the night of November 11, 2001. The event was open to the public.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans held a breakfast at the Community Center on Veterans Day.

VETERANS GRAVES

Paul R. Bergeron, Veterans' Graves Officer

Veteran Gravesites were visited during the year. For Memorial Day a flower plant was placed at each veteran's grave. Throughout the year a small United States Flag was flown over each veteran grave located at Rock Ridge and Town of Sharon Cemeteries.

Maintenance of the various Town of Sharon cemetery grounds was the responsibility of the Sharon Department of Public Works. The Rock Ridge Cemetery was maintained in an excellent manner by the grounds staff of the Rock Ridge Cemetery Association.

The placement of flowers and replacement of the United States Flags was accomplished by volunteers from the Sharon American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Legion, and Girl and Boy Scouts. Various individuals who were not veterans also participated.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans coordinated with the Sharon Memorial Cemetery staff for placement of United States Flags at the veteran gravesites in that cemetery for Memorial Day.

BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jean Santos
Sharon Representative

Borderland State Park becomes a more popular destination for all the residents of Sharon and surrounding towns every year. Statistics compiled by the personnel at the park put the attendance last year at over 250,000 people. It is a delight to see so many new explorers but the toll is high on facilities and trails. The state's cutbacks make budgeting a constant challenge. Much of the equipment is usable only because of the extraordinary skill of the park personnel in patching and repairing.

The main projects of the past year include the repair of the mansion roof and the electrifying of the service garage. The roof required substantial and costly renovation. The project took much longer than the expected time. At one point, water was sprayed onto an outside area which penetrated the building and caused further damage to walls and paint. The roofers repaired and repainted the damage at no cost, but the time required was again extended. Underground wiring from the street was brought into the maintenance building so that lighting and power equipment can be used there. This job also included the underground wiring of the mansion which assures power even when storms occur. These projects were long overdue.

The windows in the mansion are being covered with UV film which protects the interior and helps to keep heating costs down. Before coating, the windows must be reglazed and repainted. Wayne Simmons, a park staffer, is doing this job. Money for the film and installation costs are being paid for by the Friends of Borderland--the cost for the house about \$9,000.

The defeat of the Rattlesnake Hill proposal by the Town of Sharon was a blow to all connected with Borderland. Advisory Council members strongly supported the acquisition and were disappointed that this beautiful abutting area did not become conservation land. Bill Hocking, Chairman, and others on the council have actively pushed the state officials to buy this property.

The Friends of Borderland led by Fred Lincoln have continued and expanded their program of activities for all ages and interests. New programs this year included Tea and Pearls, a formal tea with an opportunity to purchase a pearl set into a piece of jewelry, Skins and Scales, a reptile and amphibian program, Making Critter Condos, Animals in Disguise, Feathers and Foliage Walk, as well as the usual huge array of walks, concerts, dramatic presentations, explorations, tours and discoveries. The regular educational programs in natural science for students and teachers were held weekly all summer and well attended. Bluebirds have returned for the second year, encouraged by the Easton Bluebird

Association. This group checks 26 houses daily and reports that 40 baby birds were hatched last year.

The rock garden designed by Susan Plimpton 20 years ago has been weeded cleared and replanted by Dan Howard, Borderland's gardener, and Norma Urban. The America Corps has put down many yards of raised footways and bridges on the trails in the north wooded section of the park. Several new memorial benches have been strategically placed.

The "doggie mitts" recently introduced have been used by many dog owners to make the park more user-friendly but some owners still refuse to leash their animals and trouble results. It is hoped that such irresponsible people will not cause a ban on dogs to be imposed.

Friends of Borderland have had several paintings cleaned and furniture restored last year. The newsletter now edited by David Ireland and Norma Urban is a terrific read and well-worth the cost of membership.

For questions or comments, please call Superintendent Bob Babineau (508-238-6566) or the Sharon representative at 781-784-5835.

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

Sharon Representatives

Gregory Meister

Patrick Dorcus

Dave Masciarelli

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held 11 meetings during the year. The meetings are rotated within one of the five Member Communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, and Norton.

The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Pat Rogers of the D.E.P., presented each community with Taunton River Watershed signs to be placed at the entrance of the watershed in each community.

The Committee hosted a presentation on water reuse given by Joan Sozio of Foxboro and Peter Silbermann and Bob Beal of Earth Tech.

The Committee held a Lawn Care Seminar on March 27, 2001 at the Norton Middle School with Brian E. Venchesi of Irrigation Consulting, Inc. and Lynda Wightman of Hunter Industries.

Taryn LaScola of the Mass. Department of Agriculture worked with the Committee throughout the year on a grant to provide public

education for responsible pesticide and fertilizer use. She has developed fact sheets to be mailed to all households within the five towns and is available to attend public forums to discuss pesticide and fertilizer use within the Aquifer.

Member Robert Jones of Mansfield spearheaded an effort to complete the Mill Pond Dam Project along the Canoe River in Mansfield. Funds were appropriated at Town Meeting and the project was completed.

Wayne Southworth gave a Power Point presentation on the CRAAC as a model for water resource management at the New Mayflower Compact Congress Conference at Stonehill College. The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee was presented with an award entitled the "*First Annual New Mayflower Compact Award*" as an example of Innovative Regional Collaboration.

The Annual Awareness Day was held on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club. Sharon McGregor, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs was the guest speaker. Fifty-five Certificates of Appreciation were given out for participation in our Green Belt Project.

Leonard Flynn coordinated a meeting with Christie Anderberg and Badge Blackett from the Trust for Public Land for the purpose of becoming Partners on Land Protection along the Canoe River Green Belt.

Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, was recognized for her yearlong efforts for acquiring open space in Norton along the Canoe River:

- Johnson Acres - 50 acres
- Subon Property - 43 acres
- Lincoln Woods - 70 acres
- White Street sand pits - 70 acres

Pat Rogers, D.E.P. Taunton River Team Leader, detailed a grant of \$50,000 for the state to hire Horsley & Witten, Inc. to conduct a yearlong study of the Canoe River Aquifer.

The CRAAC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Norton Conservation Commission and Norton Recreation Commission at the dedication ceremony on September 15, 2001 of the Town's purchase of the Subon property off Route #123 in Norton.

The water superintendents of the five communities worked together on a joint press release on the safety of the water supplies after the September 11 terrorist attack.

Jennifer Carlino and Leonard Flynn reported that the Division of Wildlife & Fisheries will receive a Care & Custody Agreement for approximately 134 acres of the State D.P.W. land along Route #495.

THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Sidney J. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Chair, Renee Gordon, Vice-chair
Shirley Brownstein, Florence Finkel,
Leslie Kriger, Chickie Monahan,
Robert Nichol, Donna Ring, Robert Sondheim,
Ex officio: Norma Simons Fitzgerald, Director, Council on Aging

During 2001 the Commission met on nine different occasions during the year in order to discuss issues relative to the Americans with Disabilities Act. All meetings were held at the Community Center. Additional site visitations and inspections were also made to facilities and businesses throughout the town.

1. The Commission is monitoring the development of the Wilbur School project as well as other town construction projects and will review final plans to insure accessibility.
2. A wheelchair platform was constructed at the end of the ramp at the Community Center beach using funds donated by the Commission from its ticket fund.
3. The station ramp design proposed by the State continues to be unacceptable to the Commission for several reasons; however, because of the ADA there is no alternative. The original plans called for the elimination of the stairs forcing all commuters, disabled and undisable alike, to use the ramp to access the street. Through the efforts of the Commission in conjunction with Town Administrator Puritz, Superintendent of Public Works Hooper, State Representative Kafka and State Senator Sprague, the stairs will remain. When the station is made accessible by the MBTA the Commission will lobby for different solution.
4. The Commission advocated on behalf of Sharon residents to implement the ADA.
5. The fine for unlawful parking in handicap designated spaces was raised to \$200.
6. The temporary handicap placard program was suspended per the RMV.
7. New member Leslie Kriger became a certified State Access Monitor.
8. The Commission and the Recreation Department cosponsored the Disabled Youth Baseball Challenge program.
9. The Commission is planning to purchase a suitable wheelchair, for use at the Community Center beach.

10. The new parking lot behind the stores in Post Office Square is under continuous monitoring because of an ongoing problem with dumpsters being placed in handicap parking spaces.

SHARON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
and
SHARON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Shirley H. Schofield, Chair
David G. Nelson, Vice Chair
Clista Dow, Herbert Gagnon, Gordon Hughes, Betty Van Meter

In October our chairman for many years, Mel Leventhal, resigned from the Commission due to health reasons. Mel long served as an invaluable source of Sharon's history and tireless member. We are very grateful to Mel for his devotion and the many hours he spent toward the work of the Commission in trying to preserve the history of the Town of Sharon.

We welcomed new member, Gordon Hughes, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in November. Mr. Hughes, a life-long Sharon resident, has a background in architecture and knowledge of the town's history. At the present time there are two openings available for alternate members. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission may speak with the Selectmen.

As the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Historical Commission requests each town to be concerned with its historical assets, your local Commission continues its efforts to inventory Sharon's significant buildings and structures. During the year we have been documenting temples, churches, and camps to add to our inventory list of properties.

This Commission voted to support the Sharon Conservation Commission in their quest to obtain the King Philip Rock area and Rattlesnake Hill, both sites being of local historical significance. We also voted to support the CPA - Community Preservation Act.

We have proposed a third historical district which was discussed at a Selectmen's meeting. Historical District III would include the building now known as the Wilber School, the South Pleasant Street Apartment building (formerly the Pleasant Street School) and the Kate Morrell Park. The Selectmen showed approval of this project but would like to put it on hold for the present time.

One member attended a meeting in Middleboro sponsored by the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program. This program was established in 1997 to support the preservation of public historic landscapes, such as cemeteries. Applications for landscaping grants for historic sites are available once a year. We appreciate the work accomplished by the Dept. of Public Works at the gravesites in the West Cemetery on South Main Street.

At year's end we discussed the signage located at several historic sites throughout the town. We hope to see improvement to these either through repair or replacement.

Sharon Housing Authority

Irene Scott, Chairperson
Ray Wallace, Vice Chairperson
Deborah Markson, Treasurer & State Appointee
Arnold Kublin, Assistant Treasurer
Jack Connors, Secretary
Jane Desberg, Executive Director
Jill King, Administrative Assistant
Stanley Preibis, Maintenance Supervisor
Erick Nelson, Maintenance

The Sharon Housing Authority is dedicated to providing rental housing for persons of low income, primarily for residents of Sharon. The Authority provides eighty-eight apartments for elderly and disabled citizens at the Hixson Farm Road complex, six apartments for families at the former Pleasant Street School and a residential facility on Bay Road which is leased on a long term basis to the May Center. The Authority also holds six Alternative Housing Vouchers. This is a rental assistance program in the form of transitional vouchers that provides a housing option for non-elderly disabled persons.

As financial demands continue to pressure both the town and its residents, it should be noted that the Authority's funding comes from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, not from town revenue. The housing authority gratefully acknowledges the generosity of many organizations in town including the Council on Aging, The Friends of the Council on Aging, The Sharon Garden Club, The Friends of the Sharon Library and The Sharon Community Band. Thank you also to the many residents of Sharon for their contributions throughout the year, especially books for the community library.

Activities at the community building include a bingo and social hour on Monday afternoons and a coffee hour hosted by the Council on Aging on Wednesday morning. The community building is also used on a regular basis for English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes. The Authority is no longer a meal site for HESSCO.

During 2001, the Authority completed one of its modernization projects using funds from a state grant. The Authority upgraded the fire alarm system in the older elderly/disabled complex. The new fire alarm system greatly enhances fire protection in the buildings.

The project for roadway repairs and paving on Hixson Farm Road is underway. The engineer has been hired and the bidding and actual work will be done in 2002. The Authority also received funding for exterior painting. This work will be done in the spring of

2002. Applications for funding to replace roofing and to install a security system in the older development have also been submitted.

Family housing residents are taking advantage of the Department of Housing and Community Development Rent Escrow Program. This program allows family housing residents to place a portion of their rent into an escrow account. The funds may be used to make the transition from subsidized housing to home ownership. The Authority spends time with the family formulating a plan to reach their goals.

The Authority upgraded its software capabilities by signing onto the PHA Network system. The online system is being used for rent certifications and fixed assets inventory. Other applications will be added next year. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Auditors conducted a limited scope audit of the Authority and there were no findings.

Arnold Kublin was reelected to a 5-year term on the Sharon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

As the 2001-year came to a close, the Sharon Housing Authority ended with 100% tenancy.

Report of the Designee to the MBTA Advisory Board

George B Bailey

In June 2001, the MBTA completed its first year under the "forward funding" legislation mandating fiscal autonomy in return for 1/5 of the State sales tax revenues (59% of the 2002 budget) and fixed local assessments -- essentially capped at current levels, expansion of the district from 78 to 175 communities (13%). The remaining revenue, 29%, comes from fares. The total, as in any private nonprofit, must cover cost of both operations and capital projects.

The FY2002 budget approved by the Advisory Board in May came to \$1.13 billion, up almost 5% from FY2001, 69% Operating, 31% Capital. In addition, a small "surplus" is planned as a sinking fund required by the T's financial plan so that future capital expenses can be met without borrowing. Looking ahead, a decrease in sales tax revenues this year and in FY2003 threatens to place an extra constraint on MBTA operations and capital programs.

The legislation also gave the Advisory Board the power to approve the 25 year Capital plan (Program for Mass Transportation). The PMT "working committee" of 16 members includes several Advisory Board members including Sharon, Burlington, Somerville, Chelsea, and Boston. It meets monthly and will publish its recommendations later in 2002. The content of this "needs" plan will become reality only after adoption by the MBTA in its three year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).

Locally, the MBTA Commuter Rail office appeared in Sharon at a public meeting in the early Spring in response to a request from the Transportation Advisory Board and Representative Kafka. It was announced that a morning rush hour train would be added in response to the overcrowding problem on the Attleboro line. There is now an inbound train leaving at 7:16 weekdays followed by another at 7:30 bringing Sharon service to a total of 30 daily trips. Weekend schedules remained as before. Additionally three or four new bi-level cars are assigned to the Attleboro line. However, inclusion of train delay information on the LED messaging display units now operational on the platforms to display train approaching warning only, promised for early summer 2001, has not yet been implemented.

The primary need at Sharon station remains an additional pedestrian crossing point more convenient to the main parking areas at the South end of the station. Requests to MassHighway (the agency responsible for the replacement of the Depot St. bridge) for funding were rejected. The \$1.4 M cost of an elevator and stair accessed bridge is less than the \$1.6M cost of a ramp type, but either would mandate a full upgrade of the station to Mass. Architectural Access Board handicapped access standards, bringing project costs to over \$2 million. Funds in the parking fund would be insufficient to fund much of this project, which is the financially constrained MBTA's ultimate responsibility.

There were six meetings of the Advisory Board, a meeting of the Commuter Rail Committee, and Sharon was also represented on the Finance Committee as well as the PMT working committee during the year.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Three Rivers Interlocal Council

George B. Bailey, Representative

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) entered into its 39th year, having been formed to create a forum and plan for the growth and strengthening of the Boston Metropolitan Region. The idealism of the 1960's -- the expectation that such agencies as MAPC could guide regions toward governmental coordination through information and discussion -- came a cropper when reality and the conservative forces of the 70's and 80's turned toward laissez-faire and state's rights. As a result MAPC has less ability to control growth than it possessed in the 70's when the Federal Government required it to review every federal grant for its relation and effect on the regional plan (which was in its nascent stage at that time).

Nevertheless, the MAPC has in the last decade developed a plan model (MetroPlan) which would, if implemented, result in growth that minimized environmental impacts, congestion, improved air quality, and strengthened the overall economy of the region.

However, cities and towns dependent on property taxes seek only local projects that generate revenue -- thus favoring economic development and resisting residential (family-oriented) growth.

A notable product of MAPC planning was the Conservation Subdivision Development (CSD) zoning model which Sharon and three other towns adopted in 2001. At least five other communities are planning to introduce CSD to their town meetings in 2002.

MAPC serves as the public and community input to the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program -- a 3 year allocation of state and federal funds for highway projects as well as federally assisted Transit projects) and has worked to strengthen the roles of the region in the MPO (the state-dominated Metropolitan Planning Organization). With the help of US DOT, some progress was made this year so that future highway funding will combine local projects (such as Sharon's much delayed North and South Main St. reconstruction) and state road and bridge projects.

Interestingly, MAPC has adopted the Sharon model for mitigating the effects of high school student parking -- a charge comparable to that charged for commuter parking -- in its Environmental Reviews of school expansion projects. This was discussed at a BSA Civic Initiative at the Harvard Kennedy School Planning seminar held in the Spring.

The Three Rivers Interlocal Council of thirteen towns in this area (TRIC) met monthly most of the year, reviewing transportation plans, updating the progress of Executive Order 418 Planning grants. The Board of Selectmen's application received certification and the Planning Board has heard discussion of the housing element of 418. Funds are being distributed on a very limited basis due to State Agency coordination difficulties -- Environmental Affairs, Transportation, Economic Development and Communities and Development must agree to each step in the program for which 351 municipalities are eligible.

MAPC also completed a buildout estimate for the town using the town's GIS and combining it with regional population demand.

Sharon was represented on the Executive Committee during 2000, regularly attended the monthly Legislative Committee meetings, as well as the TRIC meetings. MAPC's funding is now only 24% from its communities (per capita charges that are limited to a 2½ % increase per year) and 76% from State and Federal Grants, and some contracts. A cutback by the state in mid year resulted in drastic layoffs in December. This lack of independence and inability to fulfill its responsibility effectively is a critical problem. A committee to develop new sources of revenue and its allocation has been formed on which Sharon's representative has agreed to serve.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A Message from the Norfolk County Commissioners

William P. O'Donnell, Chairman
John M. Gillis
Peter H. Collins
NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Norfolk County:

We wish to express our gratitude to municipal officials and members of the Norfolk County Advisory Board, who gave us their overwhelming support during the past fiscal year. We also wish to thank our department heads and employees, for performing their jobs so well. These combined factors allowed us to successfully respond to a multitude of requests for county assistance from our constituency.

By continuing to effectively manage our financial resources and carefully monitor spending, Norfolk County remains a stable and progressive entity. As County Commissioners, our focus continues to be on providing regional services to our communities. County-funded activities during fiscal year 2001 included:

- provision of county engineering services countywide
- sponsorship of Norfolk County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- grant to Domestic Violence Ended (DOVE)
- grant to United Chamber of Commerce to study various potential economic growth factors
- grant to local Summer Youth Program
- grants to local food pantries

Our outstanding Norfolk County Agricultural School in Walpole and grand Wollaston Recreational Facility in North Quincy (home of Presidents Golf Course), are shining examples of beautiful and well-maintained county facilities that provide superb services to our citizens. For more detailed information on activities within our county, please refer to individual reports of department heads within this publication.

As County Commissioners, we are very grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Norfolk County, and we convey our thanks to everyone who has supported Norfolk County government.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

John J. Smith, Director

The operational program of the Project integrates all proven technologies into an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system of

mosquito control and vector management that is rational, environmentally sensitive and cost effective.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Water Management Projects: An important element of our IPM approach is the management of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which if neglected can contribute to mosquito breeding. In addition to normal drainage system maintenance, Project personnel advised residents on removal of water holding artificial containers on their property for the purpose of eliminating potential West Nile Virus mosquito breeding habitat.

Drainage ditches checked/cleaned	850 feet
Culverts checked /cleaned	25 culverts

Larval Control: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. The products used during these applications were Bti and Methoprene.

Spring aerial larvicide applications	480 acres
Larval control using briquette & granular applications	4.97 acres
Rain Basin treatments using briquettes	1,386 basins

Adult Control: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, and/or threatening to residents. The product used during these applications was Resmethrin.

Adult control aerosol applications from trucks	4,488 acres
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Surveys, inspections, and pre/post monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping breeding areas, larval and adult collections, and fieldwork evaluations leading to better water management. Due to the increase in West Nile Virus activity in Norfolk County this year, the surveillance program has been expanded dramatically. Considerable manpower has been reallocated to these efforts, which is not reflected in this report.

NCMCP received 162 calls from residents for information and assistance.

THE PLANNING BOARD

PHILLIP CHAPMAN, CHAIR
ARNOLD COHEN, VICE CHAIR
REGINA MANISCALCO, CLERK
SAMUEL SOLOMON
JOEL TRAN

BIRUTE ZIAUGRA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Planning Board met 27 times in public session, held eight public hearings and convened two times in Executive Session. There were two definitive subdivision plans submitted and one preliminary plan. One definitive subdivision was approved and one was disapproved; the preliminary plan is pending. Numerous Form A Plans (Approval Not Required) were submitted and acted upon. Fourteen applications were submitted for sign review.

Definitive subdivisions that were submitted for action were:

Eisenhower Drive Extension, Definitive - Approved
Silver Tree Estates, Definitive - Disapproved

The preliminary plan submitted was for King Philip's Estates (located off Mansfield Street), and it is still pending.

Additional business included acceptance, reduction and substitution of sureties on subdivisions approved in earlier years; review and revision of the Town's Zoning By-Laws and Planning Board's Rules and Regulations; review of the current Town Zoning Map; intensively working with interested town residents regarding the writing of a new zoning by-law dealing with conservation subdivision design, as well as reworking and rewriting a golf course by-law; addressing concerns of the MacIntosh Farms residents requesting a change in the Special Permit to allow use of a loft or basement as a functioning room, resulting in the passage of a zoning by-law; working with the Town Recreation Department regarding development of a new park area at Sharon Memorial Park; working with abutters and the DPW regarding sidewalks on Morse Street; reviewing and commenting on the building of an Amerisuites Hotel off Route One; working with the Center for Urban Regional Planning regarding the updating of the Town's Master Plan; and addressing numerous other concerns in various subdivisions.

Renovations for three businesses in the Post Office Square area were reviewed by the Board under its Site Plan Approval process (Coriander Restaurant, Corman's Cleaners and Pizzigando pizza parlor).

The Board members bid good-bye to Roger Stein, whose term with the Board ended in May. However, after many years of being an all-male Board, it was happy to welcome Regina Maniscalco as its newest member.

The Board sincerely wishes to express its appreciation and compliments to the other Town Boards, Town employees and many citizens who have assisted us during the year. In particular, special mention must be made regarding the invaluable contributions made by the Board's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Birute Ziaugra, and the Town Engineer, Eric Hooper. Due to their consistent and tireless assistance, the Board has been able to implement its decisions with maximum efficiency and accuracy.

Self Help Incorporated

Norma Wang Executive Assistant/Human Resources

During the program year ending September 30, 2000, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$20M and provided direct services to 18,990 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF SHARON, SHI provided services totaling \$236,414 to 111 households during program year 2001.

Self Help's total funding of \$ 19,999,981 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$ 1,521,407 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$21,921,429.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 315 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Board of Selectmen of Sharon and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2001 a successful one.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Colleen Tuck, Chair
Paul Pietal & William Heitin, Vice Chairs
David Grasfield, Clerk
Sandra Atlas-Gordon Paul Bergeron Marc Bluestein
David Fixler Thomas Gillen Charles Goodman
David Hearne Daniel Sirkin
Carol C. Garza, Administrative Secretary

In preparation for Town Meetings, the Finance Committee reviewed the Town's finances and the departments' budgets and, in keeping with its charge, held public hearings to review all Warrant Articles. The Finance Committee's recommendations were printed in the Warrant. At the Town Meetings, the Finance Committee made the initial motion for each Article and advocated for its position. During calendar year 2001, the Finance Committee held hearings for all Warrant Articles presented at Town Meetings held in May and December.

In addition to Town Meeting and financial oversight responsibilities, the Finance Committee performed several other important functions. The Committee managed department requests for emergency transfers of money from the Town's Reserve Fund. The Committee has responsibility for the budgets of the Library, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and several other committees and boards that come under its purview. Through its liaison system, by attending department committee meetings, and through its representation on the Capital Outlay and Priorities Committees, the Finance Committee exercised oversight of all departments and committees.

Finance Committee members also provided assistance to other town boards. For the first time, the Finance Committee was represented on the committee that issued a Request for Proposals for the Town audit. William Heitin assisted in preparing the RFP and selecting the audit firm and then managed the audit process. David Grasfield served on the selection committee for a new school superintendent and is a member of the Town Personnel Board.

All members of the public are invited to attend the Finance Committee's meetings. Meeting dates and agendas are posted in Town Hall and listed on cable channel 22. In an effort to better inform residents and to encourage their participation, the Finance Committee's meetings are now televised on the local cable television station. "It's Your Money," a column written by Finance Committee members, appears frequently in the Sharon Advocate. Residents are also encouraged to email questions and comments to SharonFinCom@Yahoo.com.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mindy M. Kempner, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2001, 1,172 students were enrolled in the high school and 143 students were enrolled in the technical institute. Sharon had 18 students enrolled in the high school.

The financial difficulties experienced in the district over the last several years are coming to an end. Working with the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue, the district has returned to the member communities \$2,751,335 by means of reduction in assessment. Sharon's original assessment for the 2001-2002 school year of \$16,645 has now been reduced to a credit of \$33,907. This amount will be credited against the Town of Sharon's FY03 assessment.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and

expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional prepared for the decennial evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' accreditation visit scheduled for the fall of 2001. Forty-four program review booklets were developed in preparation for this decennial evaluation.

In June of 2001, the high school graduated 225 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement records indicate that 92% of the Class of 2001 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute has increased the number of evening school programs offered for 2001-2002. A major goal of the technical institute is to provide educational programs that satisfy the needs of the community members and are responsive to the employer community. Evening school programs range from arts and recreational programs to higher-level technology courses.

The enrollment in the adult day programs continued to grow in part as a result of the weakening economy and the increase in the unemployment rate. The institute works closely with the area One Stop Career Centers to assure that the students receive the education needed to successfully find employment and the

occupational areas that are in high demand. The institute's faculty and staff work closely with the Advisory Committee to refine the curriculum to meet business and industry demands.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator

During 2001 the Southeastern Regional Services Group prepared and issued three major cooperative procurements on behalf of its seventeen member municipalities. Two of these, invitations for bids for DPW Services and DPW Supplies, saved SERSG cities and towns a total of \$345,374.71. The third procurement resulted in a 63.25% discount off of office supplies contained in the United Stationers Catalog. SERSG membership continues to save each member thousands of dollars each year.

The Southeastern Regional Services Group continues to administer a Tobacco Control Program on behalf of the Boards of Health of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham, Stoughton and Taunton. Besides advocating for the adopting of local regulations banning smoking in public places and sales of cigarettes to minors, SERTOG program staff conduct quarterly checks of merchants to determine if they are complying with the condition of their permit that they not sell tobacco products to minors. Public education activities funded by the DPH grant include a month-long health education program in the Mitchell Middle School in East Bridgewater capped with speaker Bob Mehrman addressing all of the fifth graders in the school on World No Tobacco Day, our attendance at the Health Awareness Day at Taunton High School, the Easton Employee Health Fair, the Stoughton 275th Birthday Parade, Major Strojny's Kiddies Day in Taunton, and a presentation by Bob Mehrman to students at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School on the Great American Smoke-Out in November

SERSG hosted a workshop for elected and appointed members of land-use boards in October outlining the new requirements of Phase II of the EPA's Storm Water Management Program. Attendees were given an outline of the Phase II requirements, a work plan for the six required minimum control measures, and a copy of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Bylaw which the SERSG Regional Administrator drafted with the help of Andy Bagas, Bridgewater Highway Superintendent; Ernest Williams, Canton DPW Director, and Robert Swanson, Foxborough Highway Superintendent. Both Virginia Scarlet, DEP Storm Water Manager, and Thelma Murphy, EPA-Region One Storm Water Manager, spoke at meetings arranged for SERSG members on the requirements of the new federal mandate.

The SERSG Regional Administrator was a speaker at the April Municipal Forum sponsored by Attorney General O'Reilly, MMA, and the Town Counsel/City Solicitor's Association. The topic was Street Opening and Right-of-Way Issues Affecting Local Governments. SERSG continues to provide shared administrative services, which save money as well as time for each of its members. Our on-going success

is due to the cooperation that SERSG receives from staff in many different municipal departments.

**THE SOUTH NORFOLK COUNTY
ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC.**

William F. Abel, Ph.D

With funding through the Sharon School Department, the South Norfolk County Association for Retarded Citizens (SNCARC) provides and supports services to citizens of Sharon who are disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. SNCARC is a private, non-profit membership-based organization founded in 1954 by local parents. It is today governed by the family members of those individuals we serve.

Our mission is, "To advocate for and provide supports and services to people disabled by mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and to their families."

Supports and services provided by SNCARC to the citizens of Sharon:

Family Support and Respite Care:

SNCARC provides temporary in-home or out-of-home professional care and training for children and adults with developmental disabilities on a planned or emergency basis. It operates after-school and school vacation week programs for children with developmental disabilities. It provides a wide range of support groups for families, and a resource center at our home facility in Westwood.

Family Autism Center:

This program serves individuals with autism and their families with information and referral services, educational services, parent and sibling support groups and a resource library with Internet access.

Social-Recreational Programs:

SNCARC provides special after-school and evening education classes, sports activities, social clubs and events, and special summer programs for children and adults with mental retardation. A principal component of these programs is one-to-one volunteer friendships (citizen advocacy). SNCARC provides transportation services to these activities.

Advocacy:

SNCARC provides specialized education, information and referral services, social support, as well as legal, financial and other consultation support. This program also provides self-advocacy training to individuals and advocacy support to families with members who are disabled by mental retardation.

Clinical Resource Program:

SNCARC provides behavioral and other psychological counseling for children and adults with disabilities and their families. This program provides individual and group education and training in such subjects as sexuality, weight management and social skills.

Residential Management:

SNCARC provides Residential Management Services for residential homes and apartments housing individuals with mental retardation.

Day Habilitation/Prevocational Programs:

SNCARC provides educational and therapeutic services for severely and multiply handicapped adults. The program works to help individuals improve their communication skills, physical well being, domestic and self-care skills, community living skills and social skills. This program includes a component for individuals who are elderly and mentally retarded. Its primary objective is to enable these individuals to continue to maintain their functional and social skills and to meaningfully participate in the life of their community.

Services supported by SNCARC through its affiliate Lifeworks:**Vocational Training and Job Placement Programs:**

Lifeworks Employment Services provides vocational rehabilitation for mentally retarded persons age 18 and over. These services include vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, sheltered employment, transitional or supported employment and competitive job placement and follow-up support.

Residential Programs:

Lifeworks Residential Programs provides home-like environments and supervision, care and training in independent living skills, functional academics and social skills. These programs include community residences and supervised apartments (both with 24-hour staffing) and cooperative apartments (with staff assistance less than 24 hours per day).

Sharon residents who wish to visit or learn more about our programs or who wish to request services for someone disabled by mental retardation or other developmental disability should contact us at (781) 762-4001.

Sharon Standing Building Committee
Joel Wolk, Chairman

The Sharon Standing Building Committee has been very active over the past year as new projects have been funded for both design and construction.

The Addition and Renovations to the Cottage Street Elementary School project went out to bid once the total project was completely funded. The initial bids were significantly over budget and the architect, Strekalovsky and Hoit, was directed to redesign in order to bring the costs down. Bids were solicited a second time and the low bidder, D.F. Pray Construction, brought the project back on budget. The construction project started in early January of 2002 and is expected to complete by August 2003.

Acting in our role as the Designer Selection Board, the SSBC advertised for and selected Architects for other school projects that were funded for design only. Strekalovsky and Hoit, Inc. was selected as the Designer for the Addition and Renovations to East Elementary School project. Kaestle Boos Associates was selected as the Designer for the Additions and Renovations to Sharon Middle School project and for the New Educational Facility on East Foxboro Street project. Design work is in progress for both the East Elementary School and the Sharon Middle School projects.

Bringing on professional staff funded under the capital appropriations has strengthened the management of these projects. We have a part time Administrative Assistant to keep our financial and administrative records at our permanent office located in the Sharon Community Center. Heery International Inc. was selected to provide both project and construction management services during design and construction of the school projects.

During the coming year, the Sharon Standing Building Committee anticipates continuing on with the current school design and construction projects as well as the possible construction of the East Elementary School project.

NMS Tobacco Control Program

Karen Doucette, Program Director

History:

Serving the Towns of Norton, Mansfield and Sharon, the Tobacco Control Program is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health from a \$.25 tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in Massachusetts. The program staff works with the Boards of Health and their agents in each of its towns to increase public awareness about the numerous issues regarding the sale and use of tobacco products.

Activities:

Using adult and youth volunteers, compliance checks were conducted to determine if merchants were selling tobacco products to youth under 18. Overall the stores in Sharon have an excellent record of keeping tobacco out of the hands of children. When

necessary, Merchant Education classes were held to help make individual retailers aware of state and municipal regulations regarding the sale and use of tobacco products.

In addition to the above activities, NMS members participate in a number of community events & projects. Our table at the Lakeside Band Concert Series enabled us to talk with residents about various smoking or tobacco related issues. Another community event that we participated in was the Horizons for Youth Family Fun Day. The Tobacco Control Program staff has also assisted the SAFE program with presentations in the Sharon public schools.

Residents of the town are encouraged to use the wide variety of information and resources about tobacco available through the program.

Water Management Advisory Committee

**F. Clay, Chair, J. Bell, H. Gould, D. Mark, R. McGregor,
K. Olken, R. Thibault,**

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Selectmen regarding the quality and quantity of the Sharon public water supply, and measures to maintain these characteristics at the highest possible level. The issues include well performance, distribution, storage, control equipment, environmental protection, and conservation measures.

2001 activities and events:

- 1) 10 meetings. All meeting times are posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.
- 2) As a result of continued concern regarding the adequacy of system capacity to meet public safety requirements, the Committee recommended that restrictions on outside summer water use remain in place with usage limited to 4 hours per day one day per week.
- 3) The Committee participated in the development of a detailed study with cost estimates for a high pressure district and additional water storage. The study was completed and presented to the May Town meeting. The necessary 2/3 vote to authorize borrowing was not obtained.
- 4) The Committee reviewed the 2002 work plan drafts prepared by the new Superintendent of the DPW, Eric Hooper. Major activities included in the plan are an analysis of Well #6 operation, and an update of the 1997 Water Master Plan including alternatives to obtain a redundant water supply in the event of a major failure in our water system.

Department of Weights & Measures

Charles F. Healy, Sealer

The year 2001 saw added duty to the Sealer of Weights & Measures. All business establishments with three (3) or more scanner devices were checked for accuracy. Business establishments that do five million dollars or more in gross sales were checked for unit pricing.

Every business establishment within the Town, using weighing or measuring devices for buying or selling of goods, were tested and inspected. The devices being used were inspected for accuracy, and adjusted, when necessary, to bring them within acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

All reports that are required by the Massachusetts General Laws were completed, and filed with the State Division of Standards.

Every request to inspect, seal or adjust new or used weighting or measuring equipment was responded to, and a report on the services rendered was filed.

All the testing equipment that is used to check the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used by merchants within the Town have been calibrated and certified by the State Division of Standards as being accurate.

There were 128 weighing or measuring devices sealed during the year 2001 that were being used by merchants for the sale of goods, or commodities. Inspections of meters, scales and prepackaged goods at fifteen (15) establishments within the Town were made. All fees collected were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Edward S. Hershfield, Chairman

Daniel E. Rosenfeld, Secretary

John Lee, Member

Davis Hamer, Walter Newman, Richard Powell, Alternate Members

Gayle Cipitelli, Administrative Secretary to the Board

The Zoning Board of Appeals met 19 times during 2001. In the course of those meetings, 45 applicants came before the Board requesting either a special permit or a variance. The number of applications filed in 2001 represented a tremendous increase in the annual number of cases coming before the Board. Of the 45 cases heard, 41 were granted, 2 were denied, 1 was withdrawn and 1 still is under review. The year 2001 also saw the appointment of Edward Hershfield as Chairman, replacing Thomas Karp who completed his term on the Board. During the last year, Daniel Rosenfeld was appointed as the Secretary of the Board, John Lee

was appointed as a Member, and Richard Powell was appointed as an Alternate Member.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Thomas Karp and Herb Glickman who completed their terms as Members of the Board. Their insight and thoughtfulness will be missed. The Board also would like to thank Richard Davidson who served as an Alternate Member during 2001. Finally the Board wishes to recognize the continued contribution of Gayle Cipitelli, Administrative Secretary and all other Town boards and Town employees for their support and assistance during the year. It is due to their efforts that the Board is able to render its decisions in an informed and expeditious fashion.

Government Study Committee

Anne Carney, Chairman

The Government Study Committee established by special town meeting in November 1991 was reconstituted during the spring of 2001. The charge to the committee was to examine the governmental structure of the Town and submit its findings and recommendations to subsequent town meetings.

The committee met on a monthly basis beginning in June and reviewed a variety of topics ranging from ways to make the current town meeting format more efficient to examining other forms of government. The committee interviewed elected officials, boards, the town administrator, the town moderator and the school superintendent. The committee met with a retired town administrator from a community with representative town meeting. The committee also interviewed a current town administrator in a community with a council form of government who had also served as town administrator in several communities with open town meetings. A result of meeting with the moderator was a written list of terms and procedures commonly followed at town meetings. The committee felt this would be helpful to all attendees, particularly those unfamiliar with open town meeting format. The committee also believes that a written agreement stating that the school department and town government will work together on budgetary issues is needed.

The committee discussed how to divide its charge into short-term and long-term issues. At its December meeting the committee began to reach consensus on a number of issues it had discussed throughout the year. The next step will be to present the issues for public input.

Long Range Planning Task Force

George Bailey, Chair; Patricia Zlotin; Philip Kopel; Sam Solomon
with assistance of Katherine Roth

Introduction

In 1998, the Board of Selectmen constituted a Long Range Planning Task Force (LRPTF) and gave it the assignment of evaluating the

Sharon's town-wide planning practices as they might influence growth, housing, economic development, facilities, preservation, and transportation.

To fulfill this objective the LRPTF surveyed each department, board, and commission within town government to determine its practices, plans and priorities.

Executive Summary

- The Town's various departments and committees do not have a consistent history of working cooperatively and sharing plans and their impact. Use of commonly agreed upon sources in making projections would increase public confidence.
- Capital Planning is particularly critical and data currently being used as a five year plan should be made public. Projects that are not included should be documented and recorded for consideration in a 5 to 10 year window.
- A revenue element should be maintained showing current and predicted (best guess) sources and amounts from local and state sources and any other options under consideration.
- Currently developed information, including meeting notices, agendas, and minutes of meetings as well as final plans and reports, are not readily available to the community or to other town boards and committees. Steps should be taken to place them on a town wide Internet Website.
- These plans and reports should be assembled and arranged as a "first-step" comprehensive Plan or Town Master Plan. It should be placed on an Internet Website set up for that purpose to allow full access by citizens. A facilitator and/or editor for maintaining this information would be desirable.
- Since the eligibility for EO 418* planning is enhanced if a community has an up-to-date Master Plan or is in the process of updating one, this step should be taken as soon as possible.
- Adoption of the 1% surcharge Community Preservation Act voted by the September Town Meeting is also desirable both as further qualification for EO 418 funds and for the long term financial benefit of the town.

A complete copy of this report will be available early in 2002.

*EO 418 (Governor's Executive Order 418) calls for a "comprehensive new approach to identifying suitable locations for new housing opportunities in Massachusetts, providing communities with needed resources and incentives for housing production, while considering the existing infrastructure and regional economy and preserving the unique character and valuable open spaces of our towns and cities". In return, cooperating communities are promised higher priority for many state grants and eligibility for certain other programs.

Lake Management Study Committee
Cliff Towner, Chairman
Mike Baglino, Vice-Chairman
Amanda Sloan
Walter Newman
David Deitz
Richard Kramer

Water quality and habitat continues to improve in Lake Massapoag each year under our present management policies.

The Lake is tested monthly by the committee for oxygen, temperature, clarity and abnormalities throughout the summer months.

Water flows leaving the Lake are regulated daily throughout the summer months based on water temperature, wind direction and ambient temperature.

Invasive weed species have appeared recently in the Lake, in response to this the committee contracted with Aqua Control Technologies for a complete weed survey of the Lake, three invasive species were identified and the problem will be addressed this coming year.

Amanda Sloan is continuing with her project for Veteran Memorial Park and has also applied for a Lake and Pond Grant. Mike Baglino continues to be responsible for the Lake testing and Walter Newman is overseeing the weed survey.

David Deitz and Richard Kramer continue with their valued input.

**Sharon Public Library &
Board of Trustees of the Sharon Public Library**

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Library Pages

Sue Cohen, Mildred Worthley

Another year has hurriedly passed all of us by but not without noticeable change at the Sharon Public Library. The Library celebrated its second year without a single staffing change. You will find all the same familiar and friendly faces providing you with top-notch library services when you visit the Library.

The Library, and the Old Colony Library Network, saw a new online catalog system come online in October. Despite some technical glitches, the new system has proven to be more user friendly and provides users with a greater depth of information about the Library's collections. Stop in and check out the new system or log in 24/7 at www.OCLN.org and see what's new at the Sharon Public Library.

The Library remained cramped for space and the Trustees continued to work with the Town's Facilities Planning Committee. The Trustees and Library staff have been and will continue to work closely with the Council on Aging, Town Hall, and the relevant committees and architects in the coming months ensuring that the Library's space needs are met in a redesigned Wilber School. In the interim, the Library continues to work towards meeting the public's demand for popular materials and the public's need for space squeezing additional shelving throughout the building to accommodate its growing collections.

Even as we push forward to having a new library facility the need to maintain the existing building still remains. The Library is sporting a new paint job on all the exterior trim. With a new HVAC system in place, this was the first summer in recent memory where the building was actually cool on those dog days of summer. The building also had the remaining portions of the roofing replaced. Finally, the computer network within the library was upgraded in two ways. First, the telecommunications line was upgraded to a T-1 line. Second, 21 new computers have improved both the staff's and public's computing needs.

The Library newsletter, Between the Lines, continues to publish quarterly and offers a calendar of events, lists new acquisitions, stories of interest about the library, a Q&A column called "Ask Babs," and many other quirky, yet interesting library facts. We are happy to add that the newsletter has even served

as a recruitment tool with people coming into the library for the first time because of something they read in the newsletter. Pick up a copy the next time you are in the Library or watch for a copy in your mailbox with each new season.

A successful adopt-a-book fund drive, museum pass program, book buddy program (delivery of books to homebound individuals), and library programs (both adult and juvenile interest) have once again proven how remarkable the volunteer-driven Friends of the Sharon Public Library really are. The Friends continued to work for the betterment of the Library by providing funds for the purchase of more children's books, audio/visual materials, reference books, and many countless other purchases. Our hats are off to this fantastic group for a mission accomplished again and again!

In addition to staff efforts, volunteers remained integral to the success of the Library. The Friends have recruited volunteers for and maintain the outreach program, Book Buddies, which pairs a volunteer and a home-bound individual together for library service and companionship. Ilse Marks maintains the on-going food drive basket for the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry. Carol Lehman continues on as the Library's sole book-mender and Bernice Levine has been gracious enough to assist the Library in making new books shelf-ready. Norman Mayer continued to work hard maintaining order in the oft-unorganized magazine and newspaper collections and Sheila Gough worked hard to bring order to the bookshelves by putting materials in call number order. And in the children's room, Marta Kane, Kerri Adams and their families, Allison Dyen, Nancy Lohmiller, Mujtaba Ali, Shifra Andelman, Hagit Ben-Daat, Rashmi Venkatesh, Alyse Schongold, Gabriella Spitzer, and Victoria McManus are to be commended for their commitment to making the children's room a more inviting space. Our thanks go out to those mentioned above and to all those other individuals who have contributed in one way or another over the past year to help make the Library the success that it is.

The Library has been the proud recipient of various gifts over the past year. The Sharon Lions Club held a benefit for the Library with funds raised going toward the purchase large print books and a magnification machine that enlarges just about anything for easier viewing. The magnification machine was purchased with the assistance of the Sharon Disabilities Commission. Shirley Pransky made a gift of the "Children's Chess Corner" in memory of her late husband Kermit. In addition, throughout the year, many library users made donations of materials from their own personal libraries that have supplemented our book, audio and video collections. Our thanks to all of you!

As in years past, the Trustees focused on their responsibilities of dealing with Library priorities, policies, personnel issues, and medium- and long-range goals and objectives. Working closely with the Director, the Trustees continually re-evaluated many of

these items, recognizing that change is a major factor in managing any organization in the new millennium. And as in past years, the Trustees appreciate the strong support that Town residents have given to the Sharon Public Library.

SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

*"It is not enough to understand the natural world.
The point is to defend and preserve it."*

By Edward Abbey

Margaret Arguimbau, Chairman
Peter Holden
Janet Dunlap
Hank Langstroth

Lealdon Langley
Rose Perrizo
Michael Cook

Greg Meister - Administrator
Diane Malcolmson and Irene Nasuti - Clerks

The Sharon Conservation Commission (SCC) held 22 hearings involving subdivisions and individual lot work. As a result, 12 Orders of Conditions were issued. Two notices of Violation were issued to individual landowners, 19 written or verbal warnings were given and three Enforcement Orders were delivered. We also had two "workshop" sessions for the commission involving the redrafting of our Rules and Regulations to better protect the wetland resources and water supply.

The SCC's acquisition efforts for Rattlesnake Hill fell short of the needed support at the February Special Election and we were not able to secure the property for preservation at that time. Fortunately, the owners of the King Philip's Rock property were willing to extend the time frame and we were able to complete the 91 acre purchase in the spring. This led to the revitalization of a long-dormant group, the Sharon Friends of Conservation. Originally founded in the late 1980's, we are pleased to have this group back in active existence and working on our behalf.

We were notified in the spring that our clerk of 17 years, Diane Malcolmson, would not be continuing in her position. It is difficult to put into words the impact that she has made in the Commission's ability to complete its tasks and perform its job. Her level of commitment to our efforts and the goal of land preservation is one that will be close to impossible to replace. The Town of Sharon and the Commission in particular has benefitted immeasurably from her work and we are so grateful that she gave of her time and of herself in our regard. We take this opportunity to say, "Thank you!" The search for Diane's replacement resulted in the hiring of Irene Nasuti in the late summer. She has stepped in to fill an important position and we look forward to working with her.

There was some controversy over the Commission's efforts to have input into the water restrictions, which come under yearly review. We work with the Water Department and the Water Advisory Committee to advise the town in their job of protecting water supply. The issues with the Water Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) were resolved and the SCC will continue to offer feedback when the issue of impact to the water supply comes to the forefront. The SCC, through the hard work of Rose Perrizo, working with Jack Sulik, drafted a user-friendly method for home owners to calculate their own water use in "gallons per day" in order to better compare their use with the State recommended usage. The SCC believes that if residents are going to be expected to care about water conservation, they need to better understand their individual impact to the system. The mailing, which accompanied the water bill, was intended to help in that regard.

The land preservation efforts of the SCC were greatly enhanced by the finalization of the Perkin's land acquisition. That added 43.5 acres abutting the King Philip's Rock property, which already abuts existing town land. Other acreage, which came to the SCC through sub-division approval or Restriction, included 7 acres from Johnson's Hollow, 1.5 acres from Cahill's on Edge Hill Rd., 9.5 acres from Commercial St., 25 acres from Golden Woods off Norwood St., and 2 acres from Tyler Farm on Bay Road. The purchase of the 8 acre Monroe property, which sat in the middle of the King Philip's Rock parcel was completed by the end of the year to bring the total acreage preserved to 185+ acres. This was done for a total cost to the Town of \$729,000 dollars.

We try very hard to keep our money requests to a minimum and maximize the acreage we are able to protect. We could not do this without the support of the residents. Our appreciation for that grows yearly as it becomes more difficult to compete in the land purchase arena. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to being worthy of it in the future.

2001 TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

ACCOUNTANT	JOAN M. LEIGHTON	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EILEEN M. GENERAZZO, ASST.	2002
3 YEAR		
ADMINISTRATOR	DONALD HILLEGASS	
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	DIANE MALCOLMSON	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
APPEALS BOARD	RICHARD A. POWELL	2004
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD HERSHFIELD - CHAIR	2002
3 YEAR TERM - 3 MEMBERS	DANIEL ROSENFELD	2004
	JOHN LEE	2003
	RICHARD DAVIDSON - ALTERNATE	2004
	DAVIS HAMER - ALTERNATE	2002
	WALTER NEWMAN - ALTERNATE	2003
ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL	GEORGETTE KAFKA	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	KENNETH BRODY - CHAIR	2002
2 YEAR TERM	NATHAN SIMON	2002
	ROBERT LEVIN	2002
	REISA MARLOWE	2003
ASSESSORS	ROBERT MERRITT	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	ELLEN WOLFSON ABELSON - CHAIR	2004
3 YEAR TERM	PAULA KEEFE	2002
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	MARK MAZUR	2002
BOARD OF ASSESSORS APPOINTED		
1 YEAR TERM		
BOARD OF HEALTH	HOWARD KESSELMAN	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SUSAN OSGOOD PECK - CHAIR	2004
3 YEAR TERM	JONATHAN GOLDBERG	2002
	ANDREW M. STEAD	2003
	DR. ELIZABETH BARNETT	2004
BURIAL AGENT	MARLENE B. CHUSED	
BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED		
CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	ANDY FRANSMAN	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL A. BALER	2002
	CHARLES I. LEVINE - CHAIR	2002

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	GREGORY MEISTER	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DAVE MASCIARELLI	2002
3 YEAR TERM		
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
1 MEMBER SELECTMEN	WALTER B. ROACH, JR. ALLEN M. GARF	
TREASURER	ROBERT J. UYTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPT. CHMN	BARRY GORDON - CHAIR	
SCHOOL COMM. APPT. 2	JANE FURR ANDREW NEBENZAHL	
PLANNING BD. APPT. 2	PAUL LINEHAN SAMUEL SOLOMON	
FINANCE COMM.APPT. 2	PAUL PIETAL WILLIAM HEITIN	
CIVIL DEFENSE	BERNARD ROSENBERG - DIRECTOR	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL CORMAN - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	MICHAEL POLIMER - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SHIRLEY BROWNSTEIN	2002
3 YEAR TERM	RENEE GORDON	2003
	CHICKEE MONAHAN	2004
	DONNA RING	2002
	SIDNEY ROSENTHAL - CHAIR	2002
	ROBERT SONDHEIM	2003
	FLORENCE S. FINKEL	2002
	LESLIE S. KRIGER	2003
	ROBERT F. NICHOL	2004
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	MARGARET ARGUIMBAU - CHAIR	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JANET M. DUNLAP	2002
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ROSE M. PERRIZIO	2002
IRENE NASUTI - SEC	MICHAEL L. COOK	2003
GREG MEISTER - OFFICER	HANFORD G. LANGSTROTH	2004
	PETER HOLDEN	2003
	LEALDON LANGLEY	2002
CONSTABLES	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT MCGRATH	2002
3 YEAR TERM	DANIEL SIRKIN	2002
	NEIL J. MCGRATH	2004
	LEONARD E. SEGAL	2002
COUNCIL FOR THE AGING	ELLIOT FELDMAN	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT B. MAIDMAN	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	HYMAN LAMB	2004
	REUBEN A. HERMAN	2003
	ELLEN BENDER	2003
	LILLIAN SAVAGE	2002
	ARNOLD KUBLIN - CHAIR	2004
	SHEILA PALLAY	2004
	MARILYN J. STEWART	2002
	VALERIE WHITE	2004

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING DIRECTOR	NORMA FITZGERALD	
DEPUTY COLLECTOR APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR	PETER RYAN	2002
DESIGNER SELECTION REVIEW SELECTMEN APPOINTED	BENJAMIN PURITZ JOHN SULIK	ELLIOT J. SHRANK
DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED MEETINGS - 4TH TUESDAY 5 YEAR TERM	LEONARD SEGAL	2003
ENGINEER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ERIC HOOPER	
FENCE VIEWER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD WELCH	2002
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS CAROL GARZA-SECRETARY	CHARLES M. GOODMAN SANDRA ATLAS-GORDON PAUL BERGERON DAVID HEARNE DAVID FIXLER MARC BLUESTEIN DAVID GRASFIELD TOM GILLEN - CHAIR FY'01 WILLIAM A. HEITIN PAUL PIETAL DANIEL SIRKIN COLLEEN TUCK - CHAIR FY'02	2003 2004 2004 2002 2002 2003 2002 2003 2004 2002 2003 2004
FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATING MODERATOR APPOINTED 1 YEAR TERM	ADAM S. LEAVITT EUGENE R. ELLIS, II DANIEL SIRKIN HOLLY LITE ROBIN KATZ SUSSMAN	2002 2002 2002 2002 2002
FIRE CHIEF SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DENNIS MANN	
GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERMS MODERATOR APPT 1 - 1 YR SCHOOL COMM APPT 1 - 2 YRS PERSONNEL BRD APPT 1 - 3 YRS SELECTMEN APPT 2 - 3 YRS FINANCE COMM APPT 2 - 2 YRS PLANNING BOARD APPT 1	GEORGE B. BAILEY MIKE SCHACHTER DAVID HEARNE ANNE CARNEY COLLEEN TUCK LEONARD SEGAL	PATRICIA ZLOTIN DAVID FIXLER

HEALTH AGENT BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED	JACK LAPUCK SHEILA A. MILLER, RNC	
HEALTH AGENT FOR ADMINISTRATION	LINDA ROSEN	
HEALTH AGENT FOR ENGINEERING	JAMES ANDREWS	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MELVIN LEVENTHAL - CHAIR SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD CLISTA M. DOW HERBERT GAGNON DAVID G. NELSON GORDON HUGHES ELIZABETH VAN METER - ALT	2003 2003 2002 2003 2002 2002 2002
HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL ELECTION 5 YEAR TERM	ARNOLD M. KUBLIN JACK CONNORS - CHAIR IRENE SCOTT D. LURAY WALLACE DEBORAH K. MARKSON-GOV.APPT.	2006 2003 2002 2005
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JANE DESBERG	2004
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY SELECTMEN APPOINTED		5 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS
INSPECTORS- SELECTMEN APPOINTED OF ANIMALS OF BUILDINGS OF PLUMBING & GAS OF WIRING	EDWIN S. LITTLE JOSEPH X. KENT EDWARD FORSBERG JAMES B. DELANEY	
INTERMEDIATE & WILBER SCHOOL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE	MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN DAVID CROCKER JR. HAROLD FIENBERG ROBIN GOODBAND ROBERT POWERS	JAMES D.KENDALL KAREN LAMKIN COLLEEN TUCK- CHAIR
LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE - 5 YEAR TERM SELECTMEN - APPT 2 CONSERVATION CO - APPT 2 PLANNING BOARD - APPT 2	DAVID DEITZ MICHAEL BAGLINO CLIFFORD TOWNER-CHAIR, AMANDA SLOAN RICHARD KRAMER WALTER NEWMAN	
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	KIP ROBERSON	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES	SANDRA HIRSH GOVERMAN	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION	ABIGAIL MARSTERS	2002
3 YEAR TERM	ROBERT A. LEVIN	2003
	NANCY E. RAE	2004
	PAT OLKEN	2004
	ALEXANDER BUCHANNAN LEACH III	2003
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNER	PAUL ARES	JOSEPH BERNSTEIN
COMMISSION	STUART GREEN	BARRY JORDAN
	WALTER JOHNSON	HENRY KATZ
	GREGG O'RYAN	DENNIS MANN
	BERNARD ROSENBERG	JOHN SULIK
LONG-RANGE PLANNING	PHILIP KOPEL	
TASK FORCE	GEORGE BAILEY	
	MARK RICKETSON	
	PAT ZLOTIN	
	RAYMOND KUBIAK	
MAPC REPRESENTATIVE	GEORGE BAILEY	
METROPOLITAN AREA		
PLANNING COUNCIL		
MEASURERS - 1 YEAR TERM		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOSEPH PETROSKY	2002
OF LUMBER	CHARLES GARNHUM	2002
OF WOOD & BARK	ROBERT MORSE	2002
MODERATOR	GEORGE E. DONOVAN	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION		
3 YEAR TERM		
NORFOLK COUNTY ADVISORY	EDWIN S. LITTLE	
BOARD		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PARKING OFFICER	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
PERSONNEL BOARD	DAVID J. GRASFIELD	2003
MODERATOR APPOINTED	MICHAEL H. GROVE - CHAIR	2004
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ADAM LEAVITT	2003
SEC/FRAN BARTH	LEONARD D. SACON	2004
	DENNIS S. FRIEDMAN	2002
PLANNING BOARD	ARNOLD E. COHEN	2003
ANNUAL ELECTION	JOEL TRAN	2004
MEETINGS/TUESDAYS 7:30	PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN - CHAIR	2002
SEC/BIRUTE ZIAUGRA	SAMUEL B. SOLOMON	2005
5 YEAR TERM	REGINA MANISCALCO	2006
POLICE CHIEF	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

2 SELECTMEN
2 SCHOOL COMM MEMBERS
2 FINANCE COMM MEMBERS

WALTER J. ROACH
SAMSON LIAO
COLLEEN TUCK

ALLEN M. GARF
MITCH BLAUSTEIN
DAVID GRASFIELD

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN SULIK

ERIC HOOPER

RECREATION COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS
MEETINGS-FIRST MONDAY

MICHAEL GINSBERG - CHAIR 2004
LARRY FINKELMAN 2004
MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN 2003
RICK SHANTZ 2003
BENJAMIN PURITZ 2002
JAY BRONSTEIN 2003
GARY BLUESTEIN 2004
CORRINE HERSHMAN 2004
STEPHEN LESCO 2003

RECREATION DIRECTOR
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

DAVID I. CLIFTON
JACK CONNORS - ASSISTANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY COMM
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

GEORGE ARONSON

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
3 YEAR TERM

MARLENE B. CHUSED 2002
EARL GASHIN 2003
ANNE M. CARNEY 2004
ANDREW NEBENZAHL 2002

SACRED HEART CONVERSION

MICHAEL BASKIN
DAVID A. FORGIEL
RICHARD KRAMER
HOWARD V. LEVINE
FRANK NAGLE
ELI SILBERZWEIG

SANITARIAN
BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTED

JACK LAPUCK

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL ELECTION - 3 YR TERM

ANDREW NEBENZAHL 2004
MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN - CHAIR 2003
JANE A. FURR 2003
LINDA R. LURIE 2002
SAMSON S. LIAO 2002
SUZANNE GERVAIS PEYTON 2004

SEALER OF WEIGHTS
& MEASURES - 1 YR TERM

CHARLIE HEALY 2002

SELECTMEN - 3 YR TERM
ANNUAL ELECTION
MEETINGS/THURSDAYS 7:30

NORMAN KATZ 2004
WALTER B. ROACH - CHAIR 2002
ALLEN M. GARF 2003

SHARON HIGH SCHOOL
EXPANSION COMMITTEE

PAUL BERGERON
PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN
PETER EVANS
PAUL JAMES
SAMSON S. LIAO
FRANK VANZLER
EDWARD WELCH
LINDA LURIE

SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE	KENNETH SAWYER	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DIANE CURTIS	2002
3 YR TERM	STEPHEN SHAMBAN	2003
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL ELECTION/4YR TERM	MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	2004
STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE	GORDON GLADSTONE	2004
APPOINTED BY SELECTION	H. STEVEN KENNEDY	2003
TOWN STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE	FREDERICK CLAY	2002
	RICHARD GOLDSTEIN	2002
	DAVID BELTON	2003
	WILLIAM CROTEAU	2003
	JOEL WOLK	2004
	TIMOTHY QUIRK	2002
SURVEYOR OF LUMBER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JOSEPH PETROSKY	
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
TOWN CLERK	MARLENE B. CHUSED	2002
ANNUAL ELECTION	BETH A. KOURAFAS - ASSISTANT	2002
3 YEAR TERM		
TOWN COUNSEL	RICHARD GELEMAN	2002
TOWNWIDE COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE	MICHAEL A. BASKIN	
	ANN V. BEACH	
	PHILIP KOPEL	
	SAUL NAMYET	
	PATRICIA ZLOTIN	
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD	CYNTHIA BARMASH	2003
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ALLISON C. SIMMONS	2003
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ARTHUR STEIN	2003
	PAUL VITALI	2004
TREASURER-COLLECTOR	ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK	2002
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JUDITH K. DOO	2002
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR	ELIZABETH SIEMIATKASKA	2002
TREE WARDEN SELECTMEN APPOINTED	KEVIN WEBER	
TRUSTEES SHARON FRIENDS SCHOOL FUND	ELEANOR HERBERGER MORTON KAUFMAN	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	CORRINE HERSHMAN ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	
DORCHESTER & SURPLUS	ROBERT UYTTEBROEK	

REVENUE FUND

EDMUND TALBOT FUND

ALBERT BLACKLER ELEANOR HERBURGER
ROBERT CURRIE

VETERANS' AGENT,
GRAVES OFFICER &
BURIAL AGENT
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

PAUL BERGERON 2002

VETERANS' ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

PAUL BERGERON - DIRECTOR
ALBERT BLACKLER REV ROBERT BULLOCK
HARVEY FORMAN PAUL KAPLAN
EDWARD J. ROACH

WATER MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FREDERICK CLAY - CHAIR
RORY MC GREGOR
HERB GOULD
ROGER THIBAUT
KENNETH OLKEN
DAVID MARK, P.E.
JENNIFER T. BELL

WILBER SCHOOL REUSE
COMMITTEE

DAVID DEPREE
MELVIN LEVENTHAL
ROBERT POWERS - CHAIR
RICHARD RICE
SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD
EDWARD WELCH

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